THE

SAINT'S POCKET-BOOK:

IN THREE PARTS.

PART FIRST;

The VOICE of GOD, ſpeaking from Mount *Gerizzim:*

BEING

A ſhort View of the exceeding great and precious Promiſes of the Goſpel:

Wherein is, 1. The Voice of the Herald before the great KING. 2. The Proclamation itſelf. 3. The Voice of the Redeemed after the Proclamation. 4. The Believer's Triumph in God's Covenant.

PART SECOND

A Treaſure of Goſpel-Promiſes,

Left in LEGACY by JESUS CHRIST,

For the ſtrength and encouragement of believers in their journey to the heavenly Canaan.

PART THIRD;

The SAINTS' SUPPORT in Times of Trouble and Perſecution.

By that Faithful Servant of JESUS CHRIST,

JOSEPH ALLAN.

Numb. xxiii. 23. *According to this time it ſhall be ſaid of Jacob and of Iſrael, What hath God wrought.*

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WISHETH

Fulneſs of GRACE, Peace, and heavenly comfort, certain aſſurance, ſealed evidence, and ſeaſonable entrance into, and poſſeſſion of the celeſtial, promiſed, incorruptible, undefiled, and never fading inheritance.

BELOVED believers, both you and I, are infinitely beholden to our ever-living father, who hath made his will and given all us his children great wealth, rich portions, and large legacies, now in preſent poſſeſſion: graces and comforts, in unſhaken expectation and aſſured reverſion, perfection and eternal

glory. We are greatly beholden to Jehovah for his will directory, hortatory, correctory, but moſt of all for his will conſolatory, in which he ſalves all our ſores, phyſicks all our ſickneſſes, medicines all our maladies, Pſal. ciii. 4. heals all our diſeaſes, and crowns us with loving-kindneſs and tender mercies. And ſurely we are all of us much beholden to the holy Author of this ſweet (though little) book who has ſo piouſly, painfully and profitably peruſed the holy will of our heavenly father, and wiſely ſought and found out, and put into our hands, the ſpiritual portion, and ſoul legacies given and bequeathed unto us by our beſt friend, many of which, moſt ſcarce knew of, few ſought and ſued for them, and very few comfortably enjoyed, and wiſely and diligently uſed to the donor's glory, and their own good. Careleſs children come oftentimes to be beholden their more careful brethren and thriving friends, who ſave all they have, ſue for all that is promiſed, and ſeek for all they hear of: So is it here, we careleſs, negligent, poor and ill thriven Chriſtians muſt be beholden to this careful, diligent, rich and well thriven Author who obeys Paul's counſel, 1 Cor. xii. 31. covets earneſtly the beſt gifts, and will not ſuffer the heavenly father to purſe and keep a penny that is due, to withhold grace or comfort (which he hath promiſed) in whole or degree, but he ſhall hear of his promiſe, and if he do not preſently fulfil according to covenant, a petition is ſpeedily drawn to be preferred in the court of heaven, and an advocate prepared, Jeſus Chriſt the righteous, 1 John ii. 1. Suit (by prayer) begun, and in an eager purſuit continued, till the thing promiſed be performed.

This little book, and private practice of the Author (who hath ſued for all theſe legacies, and in ſome good meaſure attained the ſame, and thereby is become ſpiritually rich) will ſufficiently prove what I have ſpoken. We are much beholden to this Author for letting us ſee our portions and legacies in our father's will, and ſetting us a work both by pen and practice to ſue for the ſame.

THE volume is little, but the virtue contained in the ſame is great. The book is extraordinary, being altogether for application and practice. The ſcope and drift of it is to furniſh believers with abundance of good; to free them from all ſins inward, outward, ſecret, and open; To fill them with all graces in life, power and exerciſe; To bring them comfort in, and ſeaſonable deliverance from all their troubles, to draw down upon their ſouls and bodies abundance of bleſſings of all ſorts and natures, to give them full aſſurance of certain and ſeaſonable entrance into glory, and to give them faſt hold of heaven

There are many, I know, that will little regard it: The profane perſon will not like it, for it is full of holineſs, the carnal proteſtant will not diſcern of it, nor reliſh it, for it is ſpiritual; the diſſembling hypocrite will not well approve of it, for it will rob him of his Rimon, ſlay his miſtreſs, his Dalilah, his Herodiah, his darling ſin; it will tell him, if he applies promiſes he muſt keep the conditions obey precept, and put every iniquity, tho' never ſo pleaſureable and profitable, far from his tabernacles. But the honeſt hearted and ſincere believer will approve of it, prize it, uſe it, and profit by it.

And not to over-commend my commodity, as one deſirous to make it more vendible and ſaleable, (for neither I, nor its author, God is witneſs, aim at any ſuch thing, but at the ſpiritual good of their ſouls unto whom it ſhall come) this little book, like a well filled little apothecary's ſhop, contains within it heavenly receipts of all ſorts, wholeſome phyſick of every kind for expeling and curing all ſorts of diſeaſes and ſickneſſes incident to ſaints, and for the corroborating and ſtrengthening of the new nature, and for keeping the ſpiritual man in good health, luſty and ſtrong, able for God's ſervice, Phil. xii 2. and for working out his own ſalvation with fear and trembling. What here I ſpeak unto one believer, I intend for all.

HATH ſin, that deadly poiſon infected thee? Lo, here in this little book an antidote, a preſervative, which

will extract and expel this poiſon. Hath this ſerpent ſo fiery ſtung thee Numb. xxi. 8. Lo, here the brazen ſerpent upon the pole. Hath it beggared and undone thee, Job. iii. 14, 15. Behold a way in this book how thou mayeſt become rich. Doth it daily trouble thee, will it needs tyrannize and domineer over thee? This little book will learn thee to depoſe this tyrant, Rom. vi. 4. and tell thee he ſhall not have dominion and lordſhip over thee. Hath it ſtricken thee dead? Lo, here's meaus of reviving and enlivening thee to an happy life of grace. Doth it threaten thy ruin? Lo, here phyſick for thy fears, 1 Cor. xv. 55. Death hath loſt its ſting, ſin is deſtroyed, death ſhall fully and finally free thee from it. Art thou hunted like a poor lamb by the helliſh devouring lion Satan, and chaſed before this infernal dog, like a ſilly deer, in temptations? Lo here a thicket, a ſhelter, a ſhepherd, under which thou mayeſt repoſe and reſt thyſelf in ſafety. Art thou overcome with his wilely ſtratagems? Lo, here wiſdom. art thou beaten down with his power? Lo, here ſtrength. feareſt thou the fiery darts of this evil one? Lo here a little houſe full of targets, ſhields and bucklers, Eph. vi. 16. (promiſes applied by faith) which will repel and quench them Job vi. 4. Do God's terrors ſet themſelves in array againſt thee? are God's arrows in thee? doth his flaming wrath burn in thy boſom, and is likely to conſume thee? Lo, ſtreams of mercy and grace from a refreſhing fountain fluent in the pipes of the promiſes, by thy hand of faith turn the cock, and the cool water of God's grace and mercy ſhall flow forth upon thy ſoul, and allay its burning heat and Inflammations. Doth the wilely world endeavour to entangle and enveigle thee by its lures and ſnares? Here liberty, freedom, better things, propounded and promiſed, which believers do for the preſent in ſome meaſure enjoy, and ſhall have a moſt certain and full poſſeſſion of afterwards. Wanteſt thou grace comfort, deliverance, bleſſing, or any good thing? Behold, here thou mayeſt have them, to the great joy of thine heart and content of thy ſpirit.

Set faith a work to draw out what thou wanteſt, and thou ſhalt have it Suck theſe ſweet and heavenly breaſts of God by the mouth of thy faith; open theſe pipes and veins of the promiſes, which run ſo full of mercy, grace, truth, comfort, joy and peace, for every believer by faith, and thou ſhalt be ſatiated with every good thing.

Lest I ſhould make too great a porch for this little houſe, and too great gates for this little city, I will conclude with an exhortation to all my beloved brethren and ſiſters which are believers, to perfect their faith by application of the promiſes, both of theſe in this ſweet little book, and of all others, contained in the old and new teſtament.

Suffer not God's promiſes (as I may ſo ſay) to milk themſelves, do you draw them, let not good reſt with God, which you may have by believing and begging, to your great comfort and enriching, but take God's commodities off his hand, trade with that wealthy merchant in the far country, the Lord Jeſus in heaven, for his rich commodities of graces and comforts, and glorious hopes, until you be rich and wealthy; and for this purpoſe cauſe theſe two good factors, Faith and Prayer, founded upon and quickned and confirmed by the precious promiſes, alway to trade for you in heaven, until you come thither yourſelves. I would deſire all believers to make this their pocket-book that it may ſolicit and woo them to prayer, make ſolid and firm their faith, increaſe their graces, comfort and heavenly hopes, prepare them for enduring the ſtorms of trouble and tempeſts of temptations, and may encourage them in holy well-doing and chriſtian perſeverance unto the end. Heb. vi. 12. Now brethren, my heart's deſire is, that ye be not ſlothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promiſes.

That you may be inheritors of them, it ſhall be my daily prayer unto the Lord my God, to beſtow upon your hearts to uſe all good means, for the attaining of the good, in theſe and other promiſes of God

unto his people: that he would teach and enable you to meditate upon them firmly, to apply them ſeverally particulary, perſonally, to ſue for them earneſtly by prayer conſtant and fervent, to wait for their promiſed accompliſhment by patience, that ſo you may enjoy the good of them here and hereafter; which God in mercy grant unto me, and alſo unto you.

AMEN

THE

SAINT'S

POCKET-BOOK.

PART FIRST.

GOD SPEAKING

FROM

MOUNT GERIZZIM, &c.

THE VOICE OF THE HERALD.

O ALL ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, come; see, and hear; gather yourselves together unto the proclamation of the great King. Hear, you that are far off, and you that are near; he that hath an ear to hear let him hear. I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord. Let every valley be exalted, and every mountain be made low, for the glory of the Lord is to be revealed. Go thorough, go tho-

rough the gates, prepare the way: caſt up, caſt up the highway; gather out the ſtones, lift up the ſtandard for the people; for the Lord proclaimeth ſalvation to the ends of the earth, tidings, tidings, O ye captives! Hear, all ye that look for ſalvation in Iſrael; behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy which ſhall be unto all people. Bleſſed news! prepare your ears and hearts; the Lord hath commanded me, ſaying; go unto the people, and ſanctify them, let them waſh and be ready, for the Lord is coming down upon Mount Zion, in the ſight of all nations: not in earthquakes, and fire, not in clouds and darkneſs, not in thunderings and burnings, rending the mountains and breaking the rocks in pieces. He ſpeaks not to you out of the blackneſs, and darkneſs, and tempeſts; you ſhall ſay no more, let not God ſpeak to us, leſt we die: he cometh peaceably, the law of kindneſs is in his mouth, he preacheth peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near. Behold, how he cometh, leaping upon the mountains, he hath paſſed Mount Ebal, no more wrath or curſing: he is come to Mount Gerizzim, where he ſtandeth to bleſs the people: as Mordecai to his nation, he writeth the words of truth and peace, ſeeking the welfare of his people, and ſpeaking peace to all his ſeed.

Behold how he cometh, clothed with

flames of love, with bowels of compaſſion, plenteous redemption, and multiplied pardons. O how pregnant is his love! O the rollings of his bowels! O how full are his breaſts, even aking till they are eaſed by the ſucking of his hungry children!

Hearken therefore, O ye children, hearken to me. To you it is commanded, O people. Nations and languages, that at what time ye hear the joyful ſound, the trump of jubilee, the tidings of peace in the voice of the everlaſting goſpel, that you fall down before the throne, and worſhip him that liveth for ever and ever.

Ariſe, and come away; prepare, prepare you; hear not with an uncircumciſed ear; you are not upon a common thing. Behold, the throne is ſet, the throne of grace, where majeſty and mercy dwell together: from thence will the Lord meet you, from thence will he commune with you, from the mercy-ſeat, from between the cherubims, upon the ark of the teſtimony. Lo, the Lord cometh out of his pavilion, the mighty God from Zion, Selah. His glory covereth the heavens, the earth is full of his praiſe. A fire (of love) goeth before him, mercy and truth round about him, righteouſneſs and peace are the habitation of his throne; he rideth on his horſes and chariots of ſalvation, the covenant of life and peace is in his mouth.

Rejoice, ye heavens, make a joyful noiſe to the Lord, all the earth. Let the ſea roar, the floods clap their hand, and the multitudes of the iſles rejoice. Stand forth, the hoſt of heaven, prepare your harps, caſt down your crowns, be ready with your trumps, bring forth your golden vials full of odours, for our voices will jar, our ſtrings will break, we cannot reach the note of our Maker's praiſe.

Yet let them that dwell in the duſt ariſe and ſing. Bear your part in this glorious ſervice, but conſider, and attend. Call out your ſouls, and all that is within you, lift up your voices, fix your eyes, enlarge your hearts, intend all their powers; there is work for them all. Be intent and ſerious, you cannot ſtrain too high.

Come forth, ye graces, beſet the way, be all in readineſs. Stand forth, faith and hope: flame, O love; come, ye warm deſires, and break with longing: let fear with all veneration do its obeiſance. Joy, prepare thy ſongs, call up all the daughters of muſic to ſalute the Lord as he paſſeth by. Let the generations of the ſaints appear, and ſpread the way with boughs, and garments of ſalvation, and ſongs of deliverance, Deut. xxix. 10, to 13. Ye ſtand this day, all of you, before the Lord your God, your captains, your elders, your officers, with all the men of Iſrael, your little ones,

your wives, and the ſtranger that is within thy camp, from the hewer of wood to the drawer of water, that thou ſhouldſt enter into covenant with the Lord thy God, and into his oath which the Lord thy God maketh with thee this day; that he may eſtabliſh thee to-day for a people unto himſelf, and that he may be unto thee a God, as he hath ſaid unto thee, and as he hath ſworn.

I have done my errand. The Meſſenger of the morning diſappeareth, when the orient ſun cometh forth out of his chambers, I vaniſh. I put my mouth in the duſt. The voice of the Lord! The ſoft and ſtill voice! O my ſoul, wrap thy face in the mantle, and bow thyſelf to the ground, and put thee into the clift of the rock, while JEHOVAH proclaimeth his name, and maketh all his goodneſs to paſs before thee.

THE

PROCLAMATION,

OR

THE VOICE OF THE LORD.

HEAR, O ye ends of the earth, the mighty God, the Lord hath ſpoken, gather my ſaints unto me, thoſe that have made a covenant with me by ſacrifice, Pſalm l. 1, 5. Behold, I eſtabliſh my covenant between me and you, Gen. xvii. 7. By my holineſs have I ſworn that I will ye your covenant friend. I lifted up my hand to heaven, I ſware I live for ever; and becauſe I live, you ſhall live alſo, John xiv. 19. I will be yours, Jer. xxxii. 38, 40. Your's to all intents and purpoſes; your refuge and your reſt, Jer. l. 6. Pſa. xc. 1. Pſalm xvi. 1. your patron and your portion, Pſal. lxxiii. 26. Iſa. xxv. 4, 5. your heritage and your hope, your God and your guide, Pſa. xlviii. 14. While I have you ſhall never want; and what I am to myſelf, I will be to you, Pſalm xxxiv. 9, 10. And you ſhall be my

people, Exod. xix. 5, 6. a choſen generation, a kingdom of prieſts, a holy nation, a peculiar treaſure unto me above all people, 1 Pet. ii. 9. I call heaven and earth to witneſs this day, that I take you for mine for ever. My name ſhall be upon you, and you ſhall be pillars in the temple of your God, and ſhall go no more out, Rev. iii. 12.

My livery ſhall you wear, and the ſtamp of my own face ſhall you carry: Ezek. xxxvi. 25, 26. with Eph. iv. 24. And I will make you my witneſs and the epiſtles of Chriſt unto the world, Iſa. xlviii. 8. 2 Cor. iii. 3. and you ſhall be choſen veſſels, to bear my name before the ſons of men. And that you may ſee that I am in earneſt with you, lo, I make with you an everlaſting covenant, ordered in all things, and ſure, 2 Sam. xv. 4. and do hereby ſolemnly deliver it to you as my act and deed, ſealed with ſacred blood, 1 Cor. xi. 25; and ratified with the oath of a God, Heb. vi. 16. a God that cannot lie, that knows no place for repentance, Tit. i. 12. Come, ye bleſſed, receive the inſtrument of your ſalvation: take writing, behold the ſeals; here are the conveyances of the kingdom. Fear not, the donation is free and full. See it is written in blood, founded on the all-ſufficient merits of our ſurety, Heb. ix. Lam i. 8. in whom I am well pleaſed, Mat.

iii. 17. whoſe death makes this Teſtament unchangeable for ever; ſo that your names can never be put out, nor your inheritance alienated, nor your legacies diminiſhed; nothing may be altered, nothing added, no not for ever, Gal. iii. 15, 16, 17. Happy art thou, O Iſrael! who is like unto thee, O people! Deut. xxxiii. 29. only believe, and know your own bleſſedneſs. Attend, O my children, unto the bleſſing of your Father, and hear and know the glorious immunities, and the royal prerogatives that I here confirm upon you.

The bleſſings of the covenant are either its glorious liberties, &c. immunities, or its royal privileges, and prerogatives.

Here I ſeal you your pardons. Though your ſins be as the ſands, and as mighty as the Mountains, I will drown them in the depth of my bottomleſs mercies, Mic. vi. 7, 19. I will be merciful unto your unrighteouſneſs; I will multiply to pardon, Heb. viii. 12. Iſa. lv. 7. where your ſins have abounded my grace ſhall ſuperabound; though they be as ſcarlet, they ſhall be as white as ſnow; though red like crimſon, they ſhall be as wool, Iſa. i. 18. Behold, I declare myſelf ſatisfied, and pronounce you abſolved, Job xxxiii. 24. The price is paid, your debts are cleared, your bonds are cancelled, Col. ii. 13, 14.

The immunities and liberties of the covenant, conſiſting in,

1. Our general diſcharge from all our debts.

Whatever the law, or conſcience, or the the accuſer, hath to charge upon you, here I exoner you, I diſcharge you, I even am he, that blotteth out your tranſgreſſions, for my name's ſake. Who ſhall lay any thing to your charge when I acquit you? Who ſhall impeach or implead you, when I proclaim you guiltleſs? Rom. ii. 33, 34. Sons daughters, be of good cheer, your ſins are forgiven you, 1 John ii. 12. Matth. ix. 2. I will ſprinkle your conſciences, and put the voice of peace into their mouths, Ez. xxvi. 25. Heb. iv. 14. Iſa. lvii. 19. they ſhall be your regiſters, in which I will record your pardon, and the voice of guile, and wrath, and terror ſhall ceaſe, Heb. x. 22. Iſa. xxvii. 4, 5.

Here I ſign your releaſe from the houſe of bondage, Rom. vi. 17, 18. 1 Cor. vii. 22. Come forth, ye captives, come forth ye priſoners of hope; for I have found a ranſom, Job xxxiii. 24, 28. I proclaim liber-

2. Our releaſe from the houſe of bondage.

ty to the captives, and the opening of the priſon to them that are bound, Iſa. lxi. 1. and xlii. 7. Behold, I have broken your bonds and ſhaken the foundations of your priſons, opened the iron-gates, Luke iv. 18. by the blood of the covenant have I ſent forth the priſoners out of the pit wherein there is no water, Zech. ix. 11. Ariſe, O Redeemed

of the Lord, put off the raiment of your captivities, ariſe and come away.

The dark and noiſome priſon of ſin ſhall no longer detain you, John viii. 34, 35, 36. I will looſe your fetters, and knock off your bolts. Sin ſhall have no dominion over you, Rom. vi. 14.

From the dark and noiſome priſon of ſin.

I will heal your backſlidings, I will ſubdue your iniquities, Mic. vii. 19. Jer. iii. 12. I will ſanctify you wholly, 1 Theſ. 5. 23, 24. and put my fear in your hearts, that you ſhall not depart from me, Jer. xxxii. 40. Though your corruptions be ſtrong and many; yet the aids of my Spirit, and cleanſing virtue of my blood, and phyſic of my correction, ſhall ſo work together with your prayers and endeavours, as that they ſhall not finally prevail againſt you, but ſhall ſurely fall before you, Ezek xxxvi. 27. Eph. v. 26. Iſa. xxvii. 9.

From the ſtrong and ſtinking goal of the grave do I deliver you, O death, I will be thy plague, O grave, I will be thy deſtruction, Hoſ. xiii. 14. my beloved ſhall not ever ſee corruption, Pſal. xvi. 10. I will change your rottenneſs into glory, and make your duſt ariſe and praiſe me, Dan. xii. 2, 3. Iſa. xxvi. 19. What is ſown in weakneſs, I will raiſe in power: what is

From the ſtrong and ſtinking goal of the grave.

ſown in corruption, I will raiſe in incorruption: what is ſown a natural body, I will raiſe a ſpiritual body, 1 Cor. xv. 42, 43, 44. This very fleſh of yours, this corruptible fleſh ſhall put on incorruption; and this mortal ſhall put on immortality, 1 Cor. xv. 53. Death ſhall be ſwallowed up in victory, and mortality of life, 2 Cor. v. 3. 1 Cor. xv. 54. Fear not, O my children; come, and I will ſhew you the enemy that you dreaded. See, here lies the king of terrors, like Siſera in the tent, faſtened to the ground with the nails ſtruck through his temples. Behold the grateful preſent, the head of your enemy in a charger: I bequeath you your conquered adverſary, and make over death as your legacy, 1 Cor. iii. 22. O death, where is thy ſting? where now is thine armour wherein thou truſtedſt? 1 Cor. xv. 55. Come my people, enter into your chambers, Iſa. xxvi. 20. Come to your beds of duſt, and lay you down in peace, and let your fleſh reſt in hope, Iſa. lvii. 2. for even in this fleſh ſhall you ſee God, Pſalm xvi. 9. Job xix. 25, 26, 27. O ye ſlain of death, your carcaſſes now as loatheſome as the carrion in the ditch, will I redeem from the power of the grave, Pſalm xlix. 15. and faſhion theſe vile bodies like unto the glorious body of your exalted Redeemer, Phil. iii. 21. Look, if you can, on the ſun, when ſhin-

ing in his ſtrength; with ſuch dazzling glory will I clothe you, O ye of little faith, Mat. xiii. 43.

From the dungeon of eternal darkneſs.

From the terrible dungeon of eternal darkneſs do I hereby free you. Fear not, you ſhall not be hurt by the ſecond death, Rev. ii. 11. Rom viii. 1. You are delivered from the wrath to come, and ſhall never come into condemnation, 1 Theſ. v. 10. John v. 24. The flames of Tophet ſhall not be able to ſinge the hairs of your head, no, nor the ſmell of the fire paſs upon you. Stand upon the brink, and look down into the horrible pit, the infernal priſon, from whence I have freed you; ſee you how the ſmoke of their torments aſcendeth for ever, Rev. xiv. 11. Hear you the curſings and ravings, the roarings and blaſphemies, Mat. xv. 30. What think you of theſe helliſh fiends? Would you have been willing to have had them for your companions and tormentors? Mat. xxv. 41. what think you of thoſe chains of darkneſs? or of the rivers of brimſtone, of the inſtruments of torment for ſoul and body, of thoſe weepings, and wailings, and gnaſhings of teeth? Can you think of an everlaſting baniſhment, of a, Go ye curſed! Could you dwell with everlaſting, could you abide with devouring fire, Iſa. xxxiii. 14. This is the inheritance you were born to, Eph. ii. 3. But I have cut off

the entail, and wrought for you a great ſalvation. I have not ordained you to wrath, 1 Theſ. v. 9. but my thoughts towards you are thoughts of peace, Jer. xxix. 11.

Here I deliver you your protection. From all your enemies I will ſave you, 2 Kings xvii. 39. I grant you a protection from the arreſts of the law: your ſurety hath fully anſwered it, Gal. iii. 13. Rom. iv. 10. My Juſtice is ſatisfied, my wrath is pacified, my honour is repaired, Dan. ii. 24. 2 Cor. v. 19, 20. Behold, I am near that juſtify you, who is he that ſhall condemn you?

3 Our protection from all our enemies

From the arreſts of the law.

From the uſurped dominion of the powers of darkneſs. I will tread Satan ſhortly under you, and I will ſet your feet in triumph upon the necks of your enemies, Rom. xvi. 20. Let not your hearts be troubled; tho' you be to wreſtle with principalities and powers, and the rulers of the darkneſs of this world, Eph. i. 2. for ſtronger is he that is in you, than he that is in the world, John iv. 4. He may bruiſe your heel, but you ſhall bruiſe his head, Gen. iii. 15. Behold, your Redeemer leading captivity captive, ſpoiling principalities and powers, and triumphing over them openly in his croſs, Col. ii. 15. See how Satan falleth like lightning from heaven, Luke x. 18. and the

From the powers of darkneſs.

Samſon of your ſalvation beareth away the gates of hell, poſts and all upon his ſhoulders, and ſetteth them up as trophies of his victory: how he pulleth out the throat of the lion, and lifteth up the heart of the traitor upon the top of his ſpear, and waſheth his hands, and dieth his robes in the blood of thoſe your enemies, Iſa. lxiii. 1, 2, 3.

From the victory of the world, John v, 4. Gal. i. 4. Neither its frowns, nor its flatteries ſhall be too hard for your victorious faith. Though it raiſe up Egypt, and Amalek, and Moab, and all its whole Militia againſt you, yet it ſhall never keep you out of Canaan. Be of good comfort, your Lord hath overcome the world, John xvi. 33. 1 Cor. xiii. 22. Though its temptations be very powerful, yet this upon my faithfulneſs will I promiſe you, that no ſuch ſhall come upon you, but what you ſhall be able to bear. But if I ſee ſuch trials (which you fear) would be too hard for your graces and overthrow your ſouls, I will never ſuffer them to come upon you; nay, I will make your enemy to ſerve you, and do bequeath the world as part of your dowry to you, 1 Cor. xiii. 22. From the victory of the world.

From the curſe of the croſs, Pſalm cxix. 71. Afflictions ſhall prove an wholeſome cup to you; your Lord hath drunk the venom From the curſe of the croſs.

into his own body, and what remains for you is but a healthful potion, which I will promiſe you ſhall work for your good, Rom. viii. 28. Be not afraid to drink, nor deſire the cup ſhould paſs from you: I bleſs the cup before I give it unto you, Job v. 17. Drink you all of it, and be thankful; you ſhall find my bleſſing at the bottom of the cup, to ſweeten the ſharpeſt afflictions to you, James v. 1, 12, Pſalm xciv. 12, I will ſtand by you in all conditions, and be a faſt friend to you in every change, Iſa. xliii. 2. In the wilderneſs I will ſpeak comfortably to you, Hoſ. ii. 14. and in the fire and in the water I will be with you, Iſa. xxv. 4. I will be a ſtrength to the poor, and a ſtrength to the needy in his diſtreſs; a refuge from the ſtorm, and a ſhadow from the heat, when the blaſt of the terrible ones is as a ſtorm againſt the wall. Your ſufferings ſhall not be a cup of wrath, but a grace cup; not a curſe but a cure; not a cup of trembling, but a cup of bleſſing to you, Heb. xii. 6, 7, 8. they ſhall not hurt you, but heal you, Pſalm cxix. 67. My bleſſing ſhall attend you in every condition, Gen. xxvi. 3. I ſay not only bleſſed ſhall you be in your baſket, and bleſſed in your ſtore; but bleſſed ſhall you be in your poverty, Gen. xxviii. 15. and bleſſed ſhall you be in your ſtraits: Not only bleſſed ſhall you be in your cities, and bleſſed ſhall you be in

your fields, but bleſſed ſhall you be in your bonds, and bleſſed ſhall you be in your baniſhment, Mat. ix. 29, 30. 1 Pet. iii. 14. Bleſſed ſhall you be when you are perſecuted, and when you are reviled, and your name is caſt out as evil: yea, then doubly bleſſed Mat. v. 10, 11, 12. My choiceſt bleſſings, greateſt good, and richeſt ſweets will I put unto your evil things, 1 Pet. iv. 13, 14. Luke vi. 20, 21, 22. Theſe happy immunities, theſe glorious liberties of the ſons of God, by this immutable charter I do for ever ſettle upon you, and do in and with my covenant unalterably, irrevocably, everlaſtingly convey unto you, and confirm upon you.

The privileges and prerogatives of the covenant.

Yea, I will not only free you from your miſeries, but will confer upon you royal privileges and prerogatives, and inſtate you into higher and greater happineſs than ever you have fallen from. Lo, I give myſelf to you, and all things with myſelf.

He gives himſelf to us for our God.

Behold, O ye ſons of men! behold and wonder. Be aſtoniſhed, O heavens! be moved, ye ſtrong foundations of the earth! for you ſhall be my witneſſes. This day do I by my covenant beſtow myſelf upon my ſervants, Gen. xvii. 7. I will be your God for ever and ever, Pſalm xlviii. 14. Jer xxxii. 38. Rev. xxi. 3. your own God, Pſalm

lxvii. 6. Nothing in the world is ſo much your own as I. The houſes that you have built, that you have bought, are not ſo much yours as I am. Here you are tenants at will; but I am your eternal inheritance, Pſalm xvi. 5. with lxxiii. 20. Theſe are loans for a ſeaſon, but I am your dwelling place in all generations, Pſalm xc. 6. You have no where ſo great a propriety, ſo ſure and unalterable a claim, as you have here. What do you count your own? Do you count your bodies your own, your ſouls your own? Nay, theſe are not your own; they are bought with a price, 1 Cor. vi. 19, 20. but you may boldly make your claim to me: you may freely challenge an intereſt in me, Jer. iii. 19. Iſa. lxiii. 16. Come near, and fear not; where ſhould you be bold if not at home? You are never in all the world ſo much at home, as when you are with me. You may freely make uſe of me, or of any of my attributes, when ever you need, Pſalm l. 15. Jer. xlix. 11. Pſ. cxlv. 18. I will be all to you that you can wiſh, Iſa. xli. 8. James ii. 2, 3. I will be a friend to you. Pſ. xxv. 14. John xv. 15. My ſecrets ſhall be with you, and you ſhall have all freedom of acceſs to me, and liberty to pour out all your hearts into my boſom, Eph. iii. 12. Heb. iv. 16.

To be to us inſtead of all relations.

Our friend.

Our Phyſician. I will be a phyſician to you, I will heal your backſlidings, and cure all you diſeaſes, Hoſ. xiv. 4. Pſalm ciii. 3. Fear not, never did ſoul miſcarry that left itſelf in my hands, and would but follow my preſcriptions.

Our ſhepherd. I will be a ſhepherd to you, Pſalm xxiii. 1. and lxxx. 1. Be not afraid of evil tidings, for I am with you; my rod and my ſtaff ſhall comfort you. You ſhall not want, for I will feed you; You ſhall not wander (to be loſt) for I will reſtore you. I will cauſe you to lie down in green paſtures, and lead you beſide the ſtill waters, Pſalm xxiii. I will gather you with mine arm, and carry you in my boſom, and will lead on ſoftly, as the flock and the children be able to endure, Iſa. xliii, 14. Gen. xxxiii. 31, 14. If officers be careleſs, I will do the work myſelf. I will judge between cattle and cattle. I will ſeek that which was loſt, and bring again that which was driven away, and bind up that which was broken, and ſtrengthen that which was ſick; but I will deſtroy the fat and the ſtrong, and will feed them with judgement, Ezek. xxxiv. 16, 17. with verſe 2, 3, 4. I will watch over my flock by night, Iſa. xxvii. 3. Behold, I have appointed my miniſters, as your watchmen, and overſeers that watch for your ſouls, Heb. 17. Acts xx. 28. Yea, mine angels ſhall

be your watchers, and ſhall keep a conſtant guard upon my flock, Dan. iii. 17, 23 And if peradventure the ſervants ſhould ſleep, Pſalm xxxiv. 7. Mat. xiii. 25, 27. mine own eyes ſhall keep a perpetual watch over you by night and by day, Pſalm xxxiv. 15. and xxxiii. 18. 2 Chron. xvi. 9. The keeper of Iſrael never ſlumbereth nor ſleepeth, Pſalm cxxii, 3, 4, 5. nor withdraweth his eyes from the righteous, Job xxxvi. 7. I will guide you with mine eye, I will never truſt you out of mine own ſight, Pſalm xxxii. 8.

I will be a ſovereign to you. Our ſovereign The Lord is your judge, the Lord is your lawgiver, the Lord is your king, Iſa. xxxii. 22. Fear not the unrighteouſneſs of men, I will judge your cauſe, I will defend your rights, Deut xxxii. 36. Pſalm cxl. 12. and ix. 4. You ſhall not ſtand at man's bar, you ſhall not be caſt at their vote; let them condemn, I will juſtify.

When you come upon trial for your lives, to have your eternal ſtate decided, you ſhall ſee your friend, your Father upon the bench, Pſalm lxxxiii. 9. Eccl. iii. 16, 17. Into my hands ſhall your cauſe be caſt, and you ſhall ſurely ſtand in judgement, and be found at the right hand among the ſheep, and hear the king ſay, come ye bleſſed, inherit the kingdom, Mat. xxv. 33, 34. and x. 32.

Our husband, I will be an husband to you, Isa. liv. 5. In loving kindness and in mercies will I betroth you unto me for ever, Hos. ii. 10. 28. I will espouse your interest, and will be as one with you, and you with me, Matth. xxv. 30, 45. Acts ix. 9. iv. 6. Zech. iii 3. You shall be for me, and not for another; and I also will be for you. Though I found you as an helpless infant, exposed in its blood, all your unworthiness doth not discourage me. Lo, I have looked upon you, and spread my skirt over you, and put my comeliness upon you. Moreover I swear unto you and enter into covenant with you, and you shall be mine, Hos. iii. 3. Ezek. xvi. 4—10. Behold I do (as it were) put myself out of my own power, and do here solemnly, in this my marriage covenant, make away myself to you, Jer. xxiv. 7. and xxx. 21, 22. and xxi. 33, 34. and with myself in all things, Rev. xxi. 7. I will be an everlasting portion to you, Ezek. xliv. 28. Jer. li. 19. Psalm cxix. 57. Lift up now your eyes eastward, and westward, and northwad, and southward. Have ye not a worthy portion, a goodly heritage? Can you cast up your riches, or count your own happiness? Can you fathom immensity, or reach omnipotency, or comprehend eternity? all this is yours. I will set open all my treasures to you, I will keep back nothing from you.

All the attributes in the Godhead, and all the perſons in the Godhead, do I hereby make over to you. I will be yours in all my eſſential perfections, and in all my perſonal relations.

He maketh over himſelf to us in all his eſſential perfections and perſonal relations.

In all mine eſſential perfections.

In all his eſſential perfections.

My eternity ſhall be the date of your happineſs.

His eternity as the date of our happineſs.

I am the eternal God, and while I am I will be life and bleſſedneſs to you, Pſalm xc. 1, 2. with Pſalm xlix. 19. 1 Tim. i. 17. with 1 Pet. v. 10. I will be a never failing fountain of joy, and peace, and bleſs unto you, Pſal. xxxvi. 7, 8, 9. and xvi. 11. I am the firſt and laſt, that was and is to come, and mine eternal power and Godhead ſhall be bound to you, Iſa. xxxv. 10. Jer. xxxii. 40.

I will be your God, your Father, your Friend, while I have any being, Iſa. ix. Jer. x. 10. I have made mine everlaſting choice in pitching upon you, Pſalm cxxxii. 13, 14. Hoſ. ii. 19. Fear not, for the eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlaſting arms, Deut. xxxiii. 27. My durable riches and righteouſneſs ſhall be yours, Prov. viii. 10. Though all ſhould forſake you, yet will not I forſake you. When the world, and all that is therein is burnt

up, I will be a ſtanding portion for you. When you are forgotten among the dead, with everlaſting loving-kindneſs will I remember you, Heb. xiii. 5. Pſal xxvii. 10. Iſa. liv. 10.

His unchangeableneſs as the rock of our reſt.

Mine unchangeableneſs, as the rock of your reſt, Mal. iii. Pſalm lxii. 6, 7. and xcii. 15. when all the world is like the tumbling ocean round about you, here you may fix and ſettle. I am your reſting-place, Jer. l. 6. 2 Chron. xiv. 11.

The immutability of my nature, and of my counſel, and of my covenant, are footing for your faith, and a firm foundation for your ſtrong and everlaſting conſolation, 2 Tim. ii. 19. Heb. vi. 17, 18. When you are afflicted, toſſed with tempeſts, Iſa. liv. 11. and not comforted, put in to me: I am an haven of hope, I am an harbour of reſt for you; here caſt your anchors and you ſhall never be moved, Jer. xvii. 13, 17. Pſalm xlvi. 1, 2, 5. and cxxv. 1.

His omnipotency for our guard.

Mine omnipoteney ſhall be your guard. I am God Almigthy, your Almighty Protector, your Almighty Benefactor, Gen. xv. 1. and xvii. 1.

What tho' your enemies are many; more are they that are with you, than they that are againſt you; for I am with you, 2 Chron. xxxii. 7, 8. 2 Kings vi. 16. what tho' they are mighty, they are not Almighty. Your

Father is greater than all; and none ſhall pluck you (while they will) out of my hands, John x. 29. Who can hinder my power, or obſtruct my Salvation? Iſa. xliii. 13. Dan. iv 35. 2 Pet. ii. 9. Who is like unto the God of Jeſhurun, who rideth on the Heaven for your help, and in his excellency on the ſky? I am the ſword of your defence, and the ſhield of your excellency, Deut. xxxiii. 26, 29. I am your rock, and your fortreſs, your deliverer, your ſtrength, the horn of your ſalvation, and your high tower, Pſal. xviii. 2. I will maintain you againſt all the power of the enemy. You ſhall never ſink, if omnipotency can ſupport you, 1 Pet. i. 5. Exod. xxviii. 12. The gates of Hell ſhall not prevail againſt you, Matth. xvi. 18. Your enemies ſhall find hard work of it. They ſhall overcome victory, or enervate omnipotency, or corrupt fidelity, or change immutability, or elſe they cannot finally prevail againſt you, either they ſhall bow or break, Rev. iii. 9. Iſa. lxvi. 24. Though they ſhould exalt themſelves as the eagle though they ſhould ſet their neſt among the ſtars, even there will I bring them down, ſaith the Lord, Obad. iv. Jer. xlix. 16.

My faithfulneſs ſhall be your ſecurity, Pſal. lxxxix. 33, 34, 35. *His faithfulneſs for our ſecurity.* My truth, yea, my oath ſhall fail if ever you come off loſers by me, Iſa. liv. 9, 10. with

Mark x. 29, 30. I will make you to confeſs, when you ſee the iſſue and upſhot of all my providences, that I was a God worthy to be truſted, worthy to be believed, worthy to be reſtedin,and relied on,Pſ xxxiv 4, 5, 6, 8. and lxxxiv. 12. and cxlvi. 5. Jer. xvii. 7, 8. Pſ. xxii. 4, 5. If you walk not in my judgements, you muſt look for my threats and frowns, yea, and blows too, and you ſhall ſee that I am not in jeſt with you, nor will indulge you in your ſins,Pſ.lxxxix. 30, 31, 32, &c. Amos iii. 2. 2 Sam. xii, to xv. 1 Pet. iv. 17. Nevertheleſs my loving-kindneſs will I never take from you, nor ſuffer my faithfulneſs to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

His mercies as our ſtore.

My mercies ſhall be your ſtore,Iſ. xlvii. 7.and lxiii. 7. Pſ. cxix. 41. I am the Father of Mercies, and ſuch a father I will be to you, 2 Cor. i. 13. I am the fountain of mercies, and this fountain ſhall be ever open to you, Pſ.xxxvi. 9. with Rev. xxi. 6. My mercies are very many, and they ſhall be multiplied towards you, Neh. ix. 7. with Iſa. lv. 7. very great, and they ſhall be magnified upon you, 1 Chron. xxi. 13. with Gen. xix. 19. very ſure, and they ſhall be for ever ſure to you, Iſa. liii. 3. very tender, and they ſhall be infinitely tender of you, Pſal. cxix.

156. with ciii. 4. Though the fig-tree do not bloſſom, nor the vine bear, nor the flock bring forth; fear not, for my compaſſions fail not, Hab. iii. 17. Lam. iii. 22. Surely goodneſs and mercy ſhall follow you all the days of your lives, Pſal. xxiii 6. Even to your old age I am he, and even to hoary hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear, even I will carry and deliver you, Iſa. xlvi. 4. I will make an everlaſting covenant with you, that I will not turn away from you to do you good, Jer. xxxii. 40. I ſwear that I will ſhew you the kindneſs of God, 1 Sam. xx. 14, 15, 17. with xxv. 9, 10. I can as ſoon forget to be God, as forget to be gracious, Pſal. lvii. 9. While my name is JEHOVAH, merciful, gracious, long-ſuffering, abundant in goodneſs and truth, I will never forget to ſhew mercy to you, Pſal. ciii. 17. with xxxiv. 6, 7. All my ways towards you ſhall be mercy and truth, Pſal. xxv. 10. I have ſworn that I would not be wroth with you, nor rebuke you; for the mountains ſhall depart and the hills be moved; but my kindneſs ſhall not depart from you, neither ſhall the covenant of my peace be removed, ſaith the Lord that hath mercy on you.

His Omniſcience as our overſeer. Mine omniſcience ſhall be your overſeer, mine eyes ſhall be ever open, obſerving your wants to relieve them, and your wrongs to avenge

them. 1 Pet. iii. 12. Exod. iii. 7. Mine ears ſhall be ever open to hear the prayers of my poor, the cries of mine oppreſſed, the clamours, the calumnies and reproaches of your enemies, Pſal. xxxiv. 15. Exod. ii. 24, 25. Zeph. ii. 8, 9. 10. Surely I have ſeen your affliction, and known your ſorrows. And ſhall not God avenge his own elect? I will avenge them ſpeedily, Luke xviii. 7, 8. I ſee the ſecret plots and deſigns of your enemies againſt you, Jer. xviii. 23. and will diſanull their counſels, Iſa. viii. 10. with xxix. 14, 15. I ſee your ſecret integrity, and the uprightneſs of your hearts towards me, while the carnal and cenſorious world condemn you as hypocrites, Job. i. 8, 9, 10, 11. 2 Chron. xv. 17. Your ſecret prayers, faſts and tears, which the world knoweth not of, I obſerve them, and record them, Mat. iv. 6, 18. Acts x. 4. Your ſecret care to pleaſe me, your ſecret pains with your own hearts, your ſecret ſelf-ſearchings and ſelf-denial; I ſee them all, and your father which ſeeth in ſecret, ſhall reward them openly, Matth. xxv. 34, 35, 36. 2 Chron. xxxiv. 27.

His wiſdom as our counſellor.

My wiſdom ſhall be your Counſellor, James i. 6. If any want wiſdom, let him aſk of me, and it ſhall be given him. I will be your deliverer. When you are in darkneſs, I will be a light to you, Mic. 7. 8. I will make your way

plain before you, Isa. xlii. 19. and lvii. 14. You are short-sighted, but I will be eyes to you, Isa. xli. 6, 7. and xlix. 6. I will watch over you, to bring upon you all the good I have promised, Jer. xxxi. 28. with xxxii. 24. and to keep off all the evil you fear, or to turn it into good, Psal. xxi. 10, 14. Jer. xxiv. 5. You shall have your food in its season, and your physic in its season, mercies, afflictions, all suitable and in their season, Psal. xxiii. 2, 3. 1 Pet. i. 6. Isa. xxvii. 7, 8, 9.

I will out-wit your enemies, and make their oracles to speak but folly, Isa. xix. 11, to 15. The old serpent shall not deceive you, I will acquaint you with his devices, 2 Cor. ii. 11. The deceitful hearts you fear, shall not undo you, I will discover their wiles.

I know how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to reserve the unjust to the day of judgement to be punished, 2 Pet. ix. Trust in me with all your hearts, and lean not to your own understanding, Prov. iii. 8, 9. I am God that performeth all things for you, Psalm lvii. 2. I will forfeit the reputation of my wisdom, if I make you not to acknowledge, when you see the end of the Lord, James v. 11. though at present you wonder, and reach not the meaning of my proceedings, Jer. xii. 1. that all my works are in weight, and in number, and in time, and in order, Ez. iii. 14. if I force you not to cry out, manifold are thy works,

in wiſdom haſt thou made them all, Pſalm xxxiii. 4. and cxlv. 10. and civ. 24.

His juſtice as our avenger and rewarder

My juſtice ſhall be your revenger and rewarder, 2 Theſſ. i. 6. 2 Tim. iv. 8. Fear not to approach; Fury is not in me, Iſa xvii. 4. My juſtice is not only appeaſed towards you, but engaged for you. I am ſo fully ſatisfied in the ſacrifice of my beloved, that juſtice itſelf, that was as a flaming ſword drawn againſt you, doth now greatly befriend you; and that which was an amazing, confounding terror, ſhall now become your relief and conſolation, Eccl. iii. 16, 17. and v. 8. Pſal. ix. 6, 10. to 84. and xcvii. 1. with xix. 1. Under all your oppreſſions, here ſhall your refuge be, Pſalm vi. 9. and ciii. 6. Let me know your grievances, my juſtice ſhall right your wrongs, and reward your ſervices, Pſalm cxlvi. 7. Heb. vi. 10. You may conclude upon your pardon, conclude upon your crowns, conclude upon reparation for all your injuries, and all from the ſweet conſideration of my juſtice, 1 John i. 9. 2 Tim. iv. 8. 2 Theſſ. iv. 5. 1 Pet. ii. 23. the thought of which, to others, is as the horrors of the ſhadow of death. If you ſin, deſpair not; remember I am juſt to forgive you. If you are at any pains or coſt for me, do not count it loſt, for I am not unrighteous to forget you. I am the righteous judge, that hath laid up for you, and will ſet on you the crown of righteouſneſs. Are you

reviled, perſecuted, defamed? Forget not that I am righteous to render tribulation to them that trouble you, and to you that are troubled, Reſt with me. Tho' all your ſervices and ſufferings deſerve not the leaſt good at my hands, yet as I have freely paſſed my promiſe to reward them, ſo I will as juſtly keep it.

His Omnipreſence as company for us

Mine omnipreſence ſhall be company for you, 1 Chron. xxii. 18. Joſh. i. 5, 9. Iſa. xli. 19. ſurely I will be with you, tō bliſs you, Gen. xxvi. 24. no bolts, no bars, nor bonds, nor baniſhment ſhall remove you from me, nor keep my preſence and the influences of heaven from you, Gen. xxxix. 21, 33. I am always with you, Matth. xxviii 26. in your darkeſt nights, in your deepeſt dangers, I am at hand with you, a very preſent help in the time of trouble, Pſalm xlvi. 1. xxxiv an 18. I am not a God afar off or aſleep, or in a journey, when you need my counſel, mine ear or eye: I am always nigh unto them that fear me.

No Patmos, no priſon ſhall hinder the preſence of my grace from you, Rev. i. 9. 10. Acts xvi. 25, 26. my preſence ſhall perfume noiſomeſt wards, and lighten the darkeſt dungeon where you can be thurſt, Acts xii. 7. Iſa. lviii. 10.

My holineſs ſhall be a fountain of grace to you, John i. 16. 2 Pet. i. 4. I am the God of hope, Rom xv. 13. the God of Love,

2 Cor. xi. the God of patience, Rom. xv. the author and finiſher of faith, Heb. xii. 2. the God of all grace, 1 Pet. v. 10. and I will give grace to you, Pſalm lxxxiv. 21. my deſign is to make you partakers of my holineſs, Heb. xii. 10. I will be a conſtant ſpring of ſpiritual life to you, Gal, ii. 20. John xiv. and viii. and x. 10, 14, 6. the water that I ſhall give you, ſhall be in you as a well of water, ſpringing up into everlaſting life. The ſeed of life, that I ſhall put into you, ſhall be ſo fed and cheriſhed, and maintained by my power, that it ſhall be immortal, John iv. 14. 1 John iii. 9. 1 Pet i. 23. Col. 2. 19. the unction that you ſhall receive from the holy one, ſhall abide in you, and teach you all things neceſſary for you; and, as it hath taught you, you ſhall abide in him, John xiv. 16, 17. 1 John ii. 20, 27. keep but the pipes open and ply the means which I have preſcribed, and you ſhall flouriſh in the courts of your God, Prov. viii. 34. Pſalm xcii. 13. yea, I will ſatisfy your ſoul in drought, and make fat your bones, and ye ſhall be like a watered garden: Lo, I will be as the dew unto you and you ſhall grow as the lily, and caſt forth your roots as Lebanon; and your branches ſhall ſpread, and your beauty ſhall be as the olive-tree, Hoſ. xiv 5, 6. You ſhall ſtill bring forth fruit in old age, you ſhall be fat and flouriſhing.

His Holineſs as a fountain of grace to us

My ſovereignty ſhall be commanded by you, Gen. xxxii. 26, 28. Deut. ix. 14. You ſhall be my favourites, men of power to prevail with me, Hoſ. xii. 4. James v. 17, 18. all mine attributes ſhall be at the command of your prayers, Iſa. xlv. 15.

His ſovereignty to be as it were commanded by you.

In ſum, mine all-ſufficiency ſhall be the lot of your inheritance, Gen. xvii. 1. Lam. iii 14. Pſalm xvi. 5, 6. my fulneſs is your treaſure, Num. xviii, 20. Deut. x. 6. Pſalm xvi. 5, 6. my houſe is your home, Pſalm xci. 1, 9. you may come as freely to my ſtore as to your own cupboard, Eph. iii. 12. you may have your hand as freely in my treaſures, as in your own purſes. You cannot aſk too much, you cannot look for too much from me, Eph. v. 20. Mat. vii. 4. I will give you, or be myſelf to you inſtead of all comforts, Gen. xv. 1. Pſalm lxxxiii. 11. you ſhall have children, or I will be better to you than ten children, Iſa. lvi. 3. you ſhall have riches, or I will be more to you than all riches, 2 Cor. vi. 10.

His all-ſufficiency to be the lot of our inheritance.

You ſhall have friends if beſt for you, or elſe I will be your comforter in your ſolitude, Iſa. li. 5. John xiv. 21. 2 Cor. i. 3, 4. your counſellor in your diſtreſs, Pſal lxxiii. 25. If you leave father or mother, or houſes, or lands for my ſake, you ſhall have an hundred fold in me, even in this time, Mark xviii. 30. When your enemies ſhall remove

your comforts, it ſhall be but as the letting the ciſtern run, and opening my fountain, or putting out the candles, and letting in the ſun. The ſwelling of the waters ſhall raiſe higher the ark of your comfort, Rom. v. 3. Heb. x. 34. Acts v. 41. I will be the ſtaff of bread to you, your life, and the ſtrength of your days, Deut. xxx. 20. Iſa. xxxiii. 16. I will be the houſe and home to you, you ſhall dwell with me; yea, dwell in me, and I in you, Deut. xxxiii. 12. Jo. xiv. 23. 1 John iii. 24. I will ſtand and fall with you, Pſalm xxxvii. 17, 24. and liv. 4. Iſa. xli. 10. I will repair your loſſes and relieve your needs, Phil. iv. 19. Mark viii. 35. Mat. xix. 27, 28, 29. Can you burn out the lamp of heaven, or lave out the boundleſs ocean with your hands? Why, the ſun ſhall be dark, and the ſea be dry before the father of lights, the fountain of mercies ſhall be exhauſted. Behold, though the world has been ſpending upon the ſtock of my mercy ever ſince I created man upon earth, yet it runs with full ſtream ſtill. My ſun doth diffuſe its rays, and diſburſe its light, and yet ſhines as bright as ever: much more can I diſpenſe of my goodneſs and fill my creatures brimful and running over, and yet have never the leſs in myſelf: and till this all-ſufficiency be ſpent, you ſhall never be undone. I am the God of Abraham, and of Iſaac, and of Jacob, and whatever I was to them I will be to you.

Are you in want, you know whither to go. I am ever at home, you ſhall not go away empty from my door. Never diſtract yourſelves with cares and fears, but make known your requeſts by prayer and ſupplication unto me, Phil. iv. 6. I will help when all do fail, Pſalm lxxiii. 26. Iſa. lxiii. 5. Pſalm cii. 17. When friends fail, and heart fails; when your eye-ſtrings crack, and your heart-ſtrings crack, when your acquaintance leave you, and your ſouls leave you, my boſom ſhall be open to you, Pſalm xlix. 14. 2 Cor. v. 1. Luke xvi. 22. I will lock up your duſt, I will receive your ſouls.

His infiniteneſs to be the extent of our inheritance.

And mine infiniteneſs ſhall be the extent of our inheritance. Can you by ſearching find out God? Can you find out the Almighty to perfection? It is as high as heaven, what can you do? deeper than hell, what can you know? Job xi. 7, 8 with Pſal. l. 7. This height incomprehenſible, this deep unfathomable, ſhall be all yours, for ever yours.

I am your inheritance, which no line can meaſure, no arithmetic can value, no ſurveyor can deſcribe, Ezek. xliv. 28. Eph. iii. 8. 1 Tim. vi. 16. Pſalm cxlv. iii.

Lift up now your eyes to the ancient mountains, and to the utmoſt bounds of the everlaſting hills, all that you can ſee is yours: but your ſhort ſight cannot ken the moiety of what I give you; and when you

ſee and know moſt, you are no leſs than infinitely ſhort of the diſcovery of your own riches, John xxvi. 14.

Yea, further, I will be yours in all my perſonal relations. *In all his perſonal relations.*

I am the everlaſting Father, and I will be a father to you, John xx. 17. I take you for my ſons and daughters, 1 Cor. vi. 18. Behold, I receive you not as ſervants, but as ſons to abide in my houſe for ever, John viii. 35, 36. Whatever love or care children may look for from their father, that may you expect from me, Mat. vi. 31, 32. and ſo much more as I am wiſer, and greater, and better than any earthly parents: if earthly fathers will give good things to their children, much more will I give to you, Luke xi. 13. If ſuch cannot forget their children, much leſs will I forget you, Iſa. xlix. 15. What would my children have? Your father's heart and your father's houſe: your father's care, and your father's ear: your father's bread, and your father's rod, theſe ſhall be all yours, Job vii. 7, 17. John xiv. 2. 1 Pet. v. 7. Mat. vii. 9. Luke xii. 30, 31, 32. Heb. xii. 7. *God the Father to be a Father to us.*

You ſhall have my fatherly affection, my heart I ſhare among you, my tendereſt love I beſtow upon you, 1 John iii. 1. Jer. xxxi. 3. Iſa. l. 8. *He promiſeth his fatherly affection.*

My fatherly compaſſion: as a father pitieth his children, ſo *His fatherly compaſſion.*

will I pity you, Pſalm ciii. 13, 14. I will conſider your frame, and not be extreme to mark what is done amiſs by you, but cover all with a mantle of my excuſing love, Pſal. lxxviii. 39.

My fatherly inſtruction: I will cauſe you to hear the ſweet voice behind you, ſaying, This is the way. I will tender your weakneſs, and inculcate mine admonitions, line upon line, Iſa. xxx. 21. and feed you with milk when you cannot digeſt ſtronger meat, Iſa. xxviii. 13. 1 Cor. iii. 2 I will inſtruct you and guide you with mine eye, Pſalm xxxii 8 *His fatherly inſtruction.*

My fatherly protection: in my fear is ſtrong confidence, and my children ſhall have a place of refuge, Prov. xiv. 26 My name ſhall be your ſtrong tower, to which you may at all times fly and be ſafe, Prov. xviii, 10 To your ſtrong hold, ye priſoners of hope, Zech ix, 12 I am an open refuge, a near and inviolable refuge for you, Deut iv 7 Job x 29 *His fatherly protection*

My fatherly proviſion Be not afraid of want, in your father's houſe there is bread enough, Pſalm xxxiv 9 Luke xv 17, I will care for your bodies; care not for what you ſhall eat, drink, or put on: let it ſuffice you, that your heavenly father knoweth that you have need of all things, Matth vi 25, to the end, Luke xii. 22, to the 34. I will provide *His fatherly proviſion*

for your ſouls, Meat for them, portions for them, and manſions for them, Job vi. 20 to 50. Pſa. 15. 14. Lam. 3. 24.

Behold, I have ſpread the table of my goſpel for you, with privileges and comforts that no man taketh from you, Iſa. xxv. 6. Mat. xxii. 4. Prov. ix. 2. I have ſet before you the bread of life and the tree of life, and the water of life, John vi. 48. Rev. ii 7 and xxii. 17 Eat, O friends, drink abundantly, O beloved

But all this is but a taſte of what I have prepared. You muſt have but ſmiles and hints now, and be contented with glimpſes and glances here: but you ſhall be ſhortly taken up into your father's boſom, and live for ever in the fulleſt views of his glory, 1 Theſſ. iv. 17.

His fatherly probation. My fatherly probation. I will chaſten you, becauſe I love you, that you may not be condemned with the world, 1 Cor. xi. 32.

God the Son to be a huſband to us. My Son I give unto you in a marriage-covenant for ever, Iſa. ix 6, and xlii 6, 2 Cor xi 2 I make him over to you as wiſdom for your illumination: righteouſneſs for your juſtification; ſanctification, for the curing of your corruptions; redemption, for your deliverance from your enemies, 1 Cor i. 30. I beſtow him upon you, with all his fulneſs, all his merits, and all his graces. He ſhall

be yours in all his offices. I have anointed him for a Prophet. Are you ignorant, he ſhall teach you, he ſhall be eye-ſalve to you, Iſa. xlix 6. and xlii. 11. Rev. v. 18. I have ſent him to preach the goſpel to the poor, and recovering of ſight to the blind; to ſet at liberty them that are bruiſed, Luke iv. 18. I have eſtabliſhed him by oath as a Prieſt for ever, Pſal. cx. 4. If any ſin, he ſhall be your advocate: He ſhall expiate yourguilt, and make the atonement, 1 John ii. 1, 2. Zech. xiii. 1. Have you any ſacrifice, any ſervice to offer, bring it unto him, and you ſhall receive an anſwer of peace, 1 Pet. ii. 5. Heb. xiii. 15.

Preſent your petitions by his hand, him will I accept, John xiii. 13. 14. Having ſuch an high Prieſt, over the houſe of God, Heb. x. 19, 20, 21, 22. you may come and welcome; come with boldneſs. Him have I ſet up as a king upon my holy Hill of Sion. He ſhall rule you, he ſhall defend you, Iſa. ix. 6, 7. Matth. i. 21. He is king of righteouſneſs king of peace; and ſuch a king ſhall he be to you, Heb. vii. 2. Jer. xxiii. 6. Eph. ii. 14. I will ſet up his ſtandard for you, Iſa. xlix. 22. I will ſet up his throne in you, Pſal. cx. 2. He ſhall reign in righteouſneſs, and rule in judgement: And he ſhall be a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempeſt, and the ſhadow of a great rock in a weary land. Iſa. xxxii. 12. He ſhall hear your cauſes judge your ene-

mies, Isa. xi. 3, 4, 5. and reign till he hath put all under his feet, Psal. cx. 1. 1 Cor. xv. 25. yea, and under your feet; for they shall be as ashes under you, and you shall tread them, saith the Lord of hosts, Mal. iv. 3. Yea, I will undo them that afflict you, and all they that despised you, shall bow themselves down at the soles of your feet, Isa. lx. 14. Zeph. iii. 19. And you shall go forth, and behold the carcases of the men that have trespassed against me, their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring to all flesh, Isa. lxvi. 24.

God the Spirit to be Counsellor and Comforter to us.

My spirit do I give unto you for your counsellor and your comforter; John xvi. 7. Rom. viii. 14. shall be a constant inmate with you, and shall dwell in you, and abide with you for ever, Ezek. xxxvi. 27. John xiv. 16, 17.

I consecrate you, as temples to his holiness, 1 Cor. iii. 16. 17. and vi. 19. He shall be your guide, he shall lead you into all truth, Gal. v. 18. John xiv. 26. He shall be your advocate, to indite your prayers, and make intercession for you, and shall fill your mouths with the arguments that he knows will prevail with me, Rom. viii. 26, 27. He shall be oil to your wheels, and strength toyour ancles, wine toyour hearts, and marrow to your bones, and wind to your sails. He shall witness your adoption,

Rom. viii. 16. He ſhall ſeal you up to the day of redemption, and be to you the earneſt of your inheritance, until the redemption of the purchaſed poſſeſſion, Eph. i. 30. and xiii. 14. 2 Cor. i. 22.

He giveth all things with himſelf, both preſent and to come.

And as I give you myſelf, ſo much more all things with myſelf, Rom. viii. 32. 1 Cor. iii. 22. earth and heaven, life, and death, things preſent, and things to come, Eph. i. 3.

Things preſent ours.

Things preſent are yours, Lo, I give you Caleb's bleſſing, the upper ſprings and the nether ſprings. I will bleſs you with all ſpiritual bleſſings in heavenly places in Chriſt, Rom. ix. 4.

The upper ſprings, or bleſſings ſpiritual, as adoption, acceſs, audience, peace perſeverance, &c.

To you pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the ſervice of God, and the promiſes. To you will I give the white ſtone and the new name, Rev. ii. 17. acceſs into my preſence, Eph. iii. 12. the acceptation of your perſons, Eph. i. 6. the audience of your prayers, 1 John v. 14, 15.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, John i. 27. I will undertake for your perſeverance, and keep you to the end, and then will crown mine own gift with eternal life, Jer. xxxii. 40. I have made you heirs of God, and co-heirs with your Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and you ſhall inherit all things, Rom. viii. 17. Rev. ii. 17.

I have granted you mine angels for your Guardians. The courtiers of heaven ſhall attend upon you; they ſhall be all miniſtring ſpirits for your good, Heb. i. 14. Behold, I have given them charge over you, upon their fidelity to look after you, and, as the tender nurſes, to bear you in their arms, and to keep you from coming to any hurt, Pſal. cxi. 11, 12. Theſe ſhall be as the careful ſhepherds, to watch over my flock by night, and to encamp round about my fold, Pſal. xxxiv. 7.

The protection of his angels.

My Miniſters I give for your guides, Eph. iv. 11. Paul, Apollos, Cephas, all are yours 1 Cor. iii. 12 I am always with them, and they ſhall be always with you, to the end of the world, Mat. xxviii. 20. Eph. iv. 13. You ſhall have paſtors after mine own heart, Jer. iii. 15. and xxiii. 4. and this ſhall be my covenant with you, that my ſpirit which is upon you, and my words which I have put into your mouth, ſhall not depart out of your mouth, nor the mouth of your ſeed, nor of your ſeed's ſeed, ſaith the Lord, from henceforth, and for ever, Iſa. lix. 21.

The inſpection of his miniſters.

In ſhort, all my officers ſhall be for the profiting and perfecting of you, Eph. iv. 12. all mine ordinances ſhall be for the edifying and ſaving of you, Acts x. 32. Rom. i. 16. The very ſeverities of my houſe, admonitions, cenſures, &c. and the whole diſcipline of my family ſhall be

The rod of his Diſcipline.

for preventing of your infection, curing of curruption, procuring your ſalvation, 1 Cor. v. 5, 6, 7. Matth. xviii. 15.

My word have I ordained for converting your ſoul, enlightning your eyes, rejoicing your hearts, cautioning you of dangers, cleanſing your defilements, and conforming you to mine image, Pſalm xix. 7, 8, 9, 11. Eph. v. 26. 2 Cor. iii. 18. To you I commit the Oracles of God, Rom. iii. 2. here you ſhall be furniſhed againſt temptations. Mat. iv. 47. Eph. vi 7. hence you ſhall be comforted under diſtreſſes and afflictions, Pſalm cxix. 92, 93. here you ſhall find my whole counſel, Acts xix. 27. This ſhall inſtruct you in your way, correct you in your wanderings, direct you in the truths to be believed, detect to you the errors to be rejected, 2 Tim. iii. 16. Pſalm cxix. 105.

The pledges of his Sacraments.

My ſacraments I give you as the pledges of my Love. You ſhall freely claim them, they are children's bread. Lo, I have given them as ſeals, to certify all that I here promiſed you, Rom. iv. 11. and when theſe ſacred ſigns are delivered unto you, then know and remember, and conſider in your hearts, that I therein plight you my troth, and ſet too my hand, and do thereby ratify and confirm every article of theſe Indentures, and do actually deliver into your hands this glorious charter, with all its immunities and privileges as your own forever 1 Cor. xi. 25. Gen. xvii. 10.

The nether ſprings or mercies temporal. The ſupply of his creatures. And having ſowed to you ſo largely in ſpiritual bleſſings, ſhall you not much more reap the temporal? be you not of doubtful mind, all theſe things ſhall be added unto you, Luke xii. 29, 31. my creatures I grant for your ſervants and ſupplies, Pſalm viii 3, to the end. Heaven and earth ſhall miniſter to you. All the ſtars in their courſes ſhall ſerve you, and (if need be) ſhall fight for you, Judges v. 20. and I will make my covenant for you with the beaſts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; and you ſhall be in league with the ſtones of the field, and all ſhall be at peace with you, Job v. 23. Hoſ. ii. 28. I will undertake for all your neceſſities. Do I feed the fowls, and clothe the graſs, and do you think I will neglect my children? Matth. vi. 25, to the end. I hear the young ravens when they cry, ſhall I not much more fulfil the deſire of them that fear me? Pſalm cxlv. 19. with cxlvii. 9. fear not, you ſhall be ſure to want no good thing, Pſalm xxxiv. 10. and you would not yourſelves deſire riches, pleaſures, or preferment, to your hurt. I will give meat to them that fear me; I will be ever mindful of my covenant, Pſalm cxi. 5.

The co-operation of his Providences. My providence ſhall co-operate to your good, Rom. viii. 28. the croſs wind ſhall blow you the ſooner and ſwifter into your harbour, you ſhall be preferred, when you ſeem moſt

debaſed; and then be greateſt gainers, when you ſeem to be deepeſt loſers, and moſt effectually promote your good, when you ſeem moſt to deny it, 2 Cor. iv. 17. Mark x. 29. Phil. i. 29. things to come are yours, the perfecting of your ſouls, the redemption of your bodies, the conſummation of your bliſs.

Things to come ours.

When you have glorified me for a while on earth, and finiſhed the work I have given you to do, you ſhall be caught up into paradiſe and reſt from your labours, and your works ſhall follow you, Rev. xiv. 13 Luke xxii. 43. I will ſend of mine own life-guard to conduct home your departing ſouls, Luke xvi. 22. and receive you among the ſpirits of juſt men made perfect, Heb. xii 23. and you ſhall look back upon Pharaoh, and all his hoſt, and ſee your enemies dead on the ſhore: then ſhall be your redemption from all your afflictions, and all your corruptions, Luke lxxi. 28 Eph. iv. 30. the thorn in the fleſh ſhall be pulled out, and the hour of temptation ſhall be over, and the tempter for ever out of work.

At death inglorification initiate,

The convoy of angels.

Redemption from all afflictions and corruptions.

The thorn in the fleſh taken out.

The ſweet ſhall be wiped off from your brows, and the day of cooling and refreſhing ſhall come, and you ſhall ſit down for ever under my ſhadow Acts iii. 19. Heb. iv. 9. For the lamb that

The ſweet wiped off from our brows

is in the midſt of the throne ſhall feed you, and lead you to the living fountain of waters, Rev. viii 5.

The tears ſhall be wiped away from your eyes, and there ſhall be no more pain; for the former things are paſſed away and behold, I make all things new, Rev. xxi. 4, 5. I will change Marah into, Naomi, and the cup of ſorrow into the cup of ſalvation; and the bread and water of affliction into the wine of eternal conſolation, John xvi. 20, 21, 22. Luke vi. 21. You ſhall take down your harps from the willows, and I will turn your tears into pearls, and your penitential pſalms into ſongs of deliverance. You ſhall change your ichabods into hoſannah's, and your ejahs of ſorrow into hallelujah's of joy, Rev. xix. 1, 4, 6.

The tears wiped away from our eyes.

The croſs ſhall be taken off your backs, and you ſhall come out of your great tribulations, and waſh your robes, and make them white in the blood of the lamb; and you ſhall be before the throne of God, and ſerve him night and day in his temple, and he that ſitteth on the throne ſhall dwell among you, and you ſhall hunger no more and thirſt no more, neither ſhall the ſun light upon you nor any heat, Rev. vii. 14, 15, 16

The croſs taken off from our backs.

The load ſhall be taken off from your conſciences, ſins nor doubts ſhall no more defile you

The load taken off from our conſciences

nor diſtreſs you, Rev. xxii. 17, Heb. xii. 23. I will make a complete end of ſin, and knock off the fetters of your corruptions, and you ſhall be a glorious church, not having ſpot or wrinkle, or any ſuch thing, but holy and without blemiſh, Eph. v. 27. Rev. vii. 9, 13, 14.

Thus ſhall you be brought to the king all glorious, in rai-ment of needle-work, and clothing of gold; with gladneſs and rejoicing ſhall you be brought, and enter into the King's palace, Pſalm xlv. 9, 13. 14, 15. So ſhall the beloved of the Lord dwell ſafely by him, and you ſhall ſtand continually before him, and behold the beauty of the Lord, and hear his wiſdom, 1 Cor. xiii. 12. Then will I open in you an everlaſting ſpring of joy, and you will break forth into ſinging, and never ceaſe more, nor reſt day nor night, ſaying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Rev. iv. 8. Pſalm xvi. 11.

The ſoul's admiſſion into the chamber of preſence & viſion of God

Thus the grand enemy will expire with your breath, and the body of death be put off with your dying body; and the day of your death ſhall be the birth day of your glory, Phil. i. 27. Luke xxiii. 43.

Have faith in God, Mark xi 22. Wait but a little, and ſorrow ſhall ceaſe, and ſin be no more.

And then a little longer and death ſhall be no more, Rev. xx. 14, and xxi. 4. but your laſt enemy ſhall be deſtroyed, and your

victory completed. Yet a little while, and he that ſhall come, will come, and you alſo ſhall appear with him in glory, Heb. x. 37. Col. iii. 4. This ſame Jeſus which is taken up from you into heaven, Acts i. 11. ſhall ſo come as he went up into heaven: and when he comes, he will receive you to himſelf, that where he is, there you may be alſo, John xiv. 3. Behold his ſign, he cometh in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory, and every eye ſhall ſee him, and all the tribes of the earth ſhall mourn becauſe of him, Rev. i. 7. Mat. xxiv. 30. but you ſhall lift up your heads becauſe the day of your redemption draws nigh, Luke xxi. 28. John v. 28. Then ſhall he ſound his trump, 1 Cor. xv. 22. and make you to hear his voice in your duſt, 1 Theſſ. iv. 16. and ſhall ſend his mighty angels to gather you from the four winds of heaven, Mat. xxiv. 31. who ſhall carry you in the triumphant chariot of the clouds, to meet your Lord, 1 Theſſ. iv. 17. and you ſhall be prepared for him, and preſented to him, as a bride adorned for her huſband, Rev. ii. 2. And as you have borne the image of the earthly, ſo you ſhall bear the image of the heavenly; and you ſhall be fully conformed both in body and ſpirit, to your glorious head, Phil. iii. 21. Heb. xii. 23. Then ſhall he confeſs you before his angels, Rev. iii. 5.

At the reſurrection in glorification conſummate, Redemption complete, the return of the redeemer. The raiſing of the body

Full conformity, both in body and ſoul to our glorified Saviour.

and you ſhall receive your open abſolution before all fleſh, and be owned, approved, and applauded in the public audience of the General Aſſembly, Mat. x. 23. and xxv. 32, 34, 35, &c. and you ſhall be, with all royal ſolemnities, eſpouſed unto the king of glory, in the preſence of all his ſhining courtiers, Rev. xix. 7, 8. 2 Cor. iv. 14. Mat. xxv. 31. to the envy and gnaſhing and terror of your adverſaries, Luke xv. 28.

Public approbation and abſolution.

Solemn eſpouſals.

So ſhall your Lord, with his own hand, crown you, Rev. ii. 10. and ſet you in thrones, Rev. iii. 21. Mat. xix. 28. and you ſhall judge men and angels, 1 Cor. vi. 2, 3. and you ſhall have power over the nations, Rev. ii. 26, 27. and you ſhall ſet your feet upon the necks of your enemies, Pſalm xlix. 14.

The coronation & enthronement of the ſaints. their ſitting in judgement upon the world

Lo I have ſet the very day for you inſtalment, Acts xvii. 31. I have provided your crowns, I have prepared the kingdom, 2 Tim. iv. 8. Mat. xxvi. 34. Wherefore do you doubt, O ye of little faith? theſe are the true ſayings of God, Rev. xix. 9. Are you ſure that you are now on earth? ſo ſurely ſhall you riſe again in glory. Lo, I have ſaid it, and who ſhall reverſe it? You ſhall ſee me face to face, and be with me where I am, and behold my glory, 1 Cor. xiii. 12. John xvii. 24. for I will be glorified in my ſaints, and admired in all them that believe,

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In ſhort, I will make you equal to the angels of God, Luke xx. 36. and you ſhall be the everlaſting trumpets of my praiſe, Rev. vii. 10 11, 12, 15. You ſhall be abundantly ſatisfied with the fatneſs of my houſe, and I will make you drink of the rivers of my pleaſures, Pſalm xxxvi 8. You ſhall be an eternal excellency, Iſa. lx. 15. and if God can die, and eternity run out, then, and not elſe, ſhall your joys expire; for you ſhall ſee me, as I am, 1 John iii. 2. and know me as you are known, 1 Cor. xiii. 12. and ſhall behold my face in righteouſneſs, and be ſatisfied with my likeneſs, Pſalm xvii. 15. and you ſhall be the veſſels of my glory, whoſe bleſſed uſe ſhall be to receive the overflowings of my goodneſs, and to have mine infinite love and glory poured out into you brimful and running over for evermore, Rom. ix. 23. 2 Tim ii. 20. Rev. xxii. 1.

Beatifical Vijon.

And bleſſed is he that hath believed, for there ſhall be a performance of the things that have been told him, Luke i. 45. the Lord hath ſpoke it, you ſhall ſee my face, and my name ſhall be written in your foreheads, and you ſhall no more need the ſun, nor the moon, for the Lord ſhall give you light, and you ſhall reign for ever, Rev. xxii, 3, 4, 5.

And as I give myſelf to you for your

God and all things with myſelf, ſo I take you for my covenant people, Heb. viii. 10. Iſa. xliii. 1. and you ſhall be mine in the day when I make up my jewels, ſaith the Lord of hoſts; and I will ſpare you as a man ſpareth his own ſon that ſerveth him, Mal. iii. 17. the Lord ſhall count, when he writeth up the people, ſurely they are my Children, Pſalm lxxxvii. 6. *He taketh us for his people.*

I do not only require you to be mine, Lev. xx. 26. Ezek. xxxvi. 28. and to work in you the conditions I require. I will circumciſe your hearts to love me, Deut, xxx. 6. I will take out the heart of ſtone, Ezek. xxxvi. 26. my laws will I write within you, Jer. xxxi. 33.

Yet you muſt know that I will be ſought unto for theſe things, Ezek. xxxvi. 27. and as ever you expect to partake of the mercies, I charge you to lie at the pool and wait for my ſpirit, and be diligent in the uſe of the means, Prov. ii. 3, 4, 5, and viii. 38. Luke xi. 13.

I am content to abate the rigour of the old terms, Rom. iv. 4, 6. I ſhall not ſtand upon ſatisfaction, Luke vii. 42. I have received a ranſom, and do only expect your acceptance, Rev. xxii. 17. 1 Tim. ii. 6. I ſhall not inſiſt upon perfection, 1 John viii. 9. Walk before me, and be upright, and ſincerity ſhall carry the crown, Prov. xi. 20. Gen. xvii. 1. Pſalm xcvii. 11. yea, both the faith

and obedience that I require of you, are mine own gifts, Eph. ii. 8.

I require you to accept my Son by believing: but I will give you an hand to take him, Phil. i. 29. John vi. 65. and to ſubmit to and obey him: but I muſt and will guide your hand to write after him, and cauſe you to walk in my ſtatutes, Ezek. xxxvi. 27. I will take you by the arms, and teach you to go, Hoſ. xi. 3, 4. I will order your ſteps, Pſalm xxxvii. 23, 31. Yea, thoſe things will I accept of you, as the conditions of life, which, viewed in the ſtrictneſs of my juſtice, would deſerve eternal death, Eph. iii. 8, with 1 Theſſ. iii. 10. Heb. v. 9. with Ecc. vii. 20. Grace! Grace!

THE

VOICE OF THE REDEEMED.

AMEN, Hallelujah. Be it to thy ſervants according to thy word. But who are we, and what is our father's houſe, that thou haſt brought us hitherto? And now, O Lord God, what ſhall thy ſervants ſay unto thee? for we are ſilenced with wonder, and muſt ſit down in aſtoniſhment, for we cannot utter the leaſt title of thy praiſes. What meaneth the height of this

ſtrange love? And whence is this unto us, that the Lord of Heaven and earth ſhould condeſcend to enter into covenant with duſt, and take into his boſom the viperous brood, that have ſo often ſpit their venom in his face? We are not worthy to be as the handmaids, to waſh the feet of the ſervants of our Lord; how much leſs to be thy ſons and heirs, and to be made partakers of theſe bleſſed privileges which thou haſt ſettled upon us? but for thy goodneſs' ſake, and according to thine own heart, haſt thou done all theſe great things. Even ſo Father becauſe it ſeemed good in thy ſight.

Wherefore thou art great, O God, for there is none like thee; neither is there any God beſide thee, 1 Sam. vii. 18, to the end. And what nation on earth is like thy people, whom God went to redeem for a people to himſelf, and to make him a name, and to do for them great things and terrible? For thou haſt confirmed them to thyſelf, to be a people unto thee for ever, and thou Lord art become their God.

Wonder O heavens, and be moved, O earth, at this great thing! Rev. xxi. 4. For behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they ſhall be his people, and God himſelf ſhall be with them, and be their God. Be aſtoniſhed and raviſhed with wonder, for the infinite breach is made up; the offender is received,

and God and man reconciled, and a covenant of peace entered, and heaven and earth are all agreed upon the terms, and have ſtruck their hands and ſealed the indentures. O happy concluſion? O bleſſed conjunction! Shall the ſtars dwell with the duſt? or the wide diſtant poles be brought to mutual embraces and cohabitation?

But here the diſtance of the terms is infinitely greater. Rejoice, O angels, ſhout, O ſeraphims. O, all ye friends of the bridegroom, prepare an epithalamium, be ready with the marriage-ſong. Lo, here is the wonder of wonders; for JEHOVAH hath betrothed himſelf for ever to his hopeleſs captives, and owns the marriage before all the world, and is become one with us, and we with him. He hath bequeathed to us the precious things of heaven above, and the precious things of the earth beneath, with the fulneſs thereof, and hath kept back nothing from us.

And now, O Lord, thou art that God, and thy words be true, and thou haſt promiſed this goodneſs to thy ſervants, and haſt left us nothing to aſk at thy hands, but what thou haſt already freely granted. Only the word which thou haſt ſpoken concerning thy ſervants, eſtabliſh it for ever, and do as thou haſt ſaid, and let thy name be magnified for ever, ſaying, The Lord of Hoſts, he is the God of Iſrael.

AMEN, HALLELUJAH.

A

SOLILOQUY,

REPRESENTING

The Believer's triumph in God's Covenant; and the various conflicts and glorious conquests of Faith over unbelief.

YEA, hath God said, I will be a God unto thee? Is it true indeed? Will the Lord be mine? Will he lay aside the controversy, and conclude a peace? Will he receive the rebel to mercy, and open his doors to his prodigal? I will surely go unto my father, I will take unto me words, and bow myself before his footstool, and say, O Lord, I have heard thy words, and do here lay hold on thy covenant, Isa. lvi. 4. I accept the kindness of God, and will adventure myself upon thy fidelity, and trust my whole happiness here and hereafter upon these thy promises. *The Soul taketh hold on God's Covenant.*

Farewel, deceitful world, get thee under my feet. Too long have I feared thy vain threats; too long have I been deluded with thy flattering promises. Canst thou pro-

miſe me or deny me ſuch things as God hath covenanted to give me? I know thou canſt not, and therefore I renounce thee for ever from being the object of my faith or fear. No longer will I lean to this rotten reed, no longer will I truſt to this broken idol. Avoid Satan with thy tempting baits. In vain doſt thou dreſs the harlot in her paint and bravery; and tell me, *All this will I give thee*, Mat. iv. 8, 9. Canſt thou ſhew me ſuch a crown, ſuch a kingdom as God hath promiſed to ſettle upon me? Or that which will balance the loſs of an infinite God, who here gives himſelf unto me? Away deceitful luſts and pleaſures, get you hence; I have enough in Chriſt and his promiſes, to give my ſoul full content; theſe have I lodged in my heart, and there is no longer room for ſuch gueſts as you: never ſhall you have quiet entertainment more within theſe doors.

Thou God of truth, I here take thee at thy word, thou requireſt but my acceptance and conſent, and here thou haſt it. Good is the word of the Lord which he hath ſpoken, and as my Lord hath ſaid, ſo will thy ſervant do. My ſoul catcheth hold of thy promiſes. Theſe have I taken as my heritage for ever. Let others carry the preferments and poſſeſſions of this world; it ſhall be enough to me, to be an heir of thy promiſes.

O happy ſoul, how rich art thou? What a booty have I gotten! It is all mine own. I have the promiſes of this life, and of that which is to come. Oh what can I wiſh more! How full a charter is here! Now my doubting ſoul may boldly and believingly ſay with Thomas, *My Lord, and my God!* 1 Tim. iv. 8. What need we any further witneſs? We have heard his words; he hath ſworn by his holineſs, that his decree may not be changed; and hath ſigned it with his own ſignet. *She maketh her boaſt in God.*

Rejoice ye heavens, ſtrike up ye celeſtial choirs; help heaven and earth: Sing unto the Lord, O ye ſaints of his. Bleſs the Lord, O my ſoul. O had I the tongue of men and angels, all were too little for my ſingle turn. Had I as many tongues as hairs, the whole choir were not ſufficient to utter my creator's praiſes.

My Beloved is mine and I am his, Cant. ii. 16. The grant is clear, and my claim is firm. Who durſt deny it, when God himſelf doth own it? Is it an hard adventure to ſpeak after Chriſt himſelf? Why, this is the meſſage that he hath ſent me, I aſcend to my father, and your father; my God, and your God, John xx. 17. He hath put words into my mouth, and bid me to ſay, OUR FATHER.

I believe, Lord help mine unbelief. O my God, and my father, I accept thee with all humble thankfulneſs, and am bold to take

hold of thee. O my King and my God, I ſubject my ſoul, and all its powers to thee. O my glory, in thee will I boaſt all the day. Oh my rock, on thee will I build all my confidence and my hopes. O ſtaff of my life, and ſtrength of my heart; the life of my joys, and joy of my life I will ſit and ſing under thy ſhadow, and glory in thy holy name, Cant. ii. 3.

O my ſoul, ariſe and take poſſeſſion. Inherit thy bleſſedneſs, and caſt up thy riches. Thine is the kingdom, thine is the glory, and thine is the victory. The whole trinity is thine. All the perſons in the Godhead, all the attributes in the Godhead are thine. And behold here is the evidence, and theſe are the writings, by which all is made ſure to thee for ever.

She queileth diſcontent, and reaſoneth down unbelief, in Sequentibus.

And now, return to thy reſt, O my ſoul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee; Pſal. xvi. 6, 7. Say if thy lines be not fallen to thee in a pleaſant place, and if this be not a goodly heritage. Oh blaſphemous diſcontent! How abſurd and unreaſonable an evil, art thou, whom all the fulneſs of the Godhead cannot ſatisfy, becauſe thou art denied in a petty comfort, or croſt in thy vain expectations from the world? O moſt unthankful ſoul, ſhall not a trinity content thee? Shall not all-ſufficiency ſuffice thee? Silence your murmuring thoughts for ever, I have e-

nough, I abound, and am full. Infiniteneſs and eternity is mine, and what more can I aſk?

But methinks I feel ſome ſecret damps upon my joy, and when I would ſoar aloft, and triumph in the riches of my portion, a ſecret diffidence plucks me back, as the ſtring doth the bird, and unbelief whiſpers in mine ear—ſure this is too good to be true. *The aſſaults of unbelief, 1 It queſtions the truth of the promiſe.*

But who art thou that diſputeſt againſt God; the Lord hath ſpoken it, and ſhall not I believe him; will he be angry, if I give my aſſent, and ſpeak it confidently upon the credit of his word? *The Triumph of Faith in the Certainty of God's Truth.*

Oh my Lord, ſuffer me to ſpread the writing before thee. Haſt not thou ſaid, thy maker is thy huſband, Iſa. liv. 5. I will betroth thee unto me? Hoſ. ii. 19. thou ſhalt call me, my father! Jer. 3. 19. I pray thee, O Lord, was not this thy ſaying, I am God, even thy God? 2 Cor. vi. 18. I will be a Father unto you, and ye my ſons and daughters; why then ſhould I doubt? is not the truth of the living God ſure footing for my Faith?

Silence then O quarrelling unbelief, I know in whom I believed, Iſa. xxxi. 3. not in friends, though numerous and potent; for they are men, and not God, Prov. xxiii 5. not in Riches, for they make themſelves

wings; not in Princes, for their breath is in their noſtrils, Pſal. cxlvi. 3, 4. but let God be true, and every man a liar. In God have I put my truſt, in his word do I hope. O ſure word! heaven and earth ſhall paſs away but not one jot or title of this, Mat. vii 25. 2 Tim. ii. 19. I have not built upon the ſand of mortality. Let the rain deſcend, the floods come, and the winds blow, nevertheleſs the foundation of God ſtandeth ſure, his everlaſting counſel, and everlaſting covenant, are my ſtay. I am built upon his promiſes, and let hell and earth do their worſt to blow up this foundation.

Now ſhall my faith triumph, and my heart be glad, and my glory rejoice, 1 Kings xviii 39. I will ſhout with the exulting multitude; the Lord he is the God, Heb. xi 16. and he is not aſhamed to be called, my God. He is not aſhamed of my rags, nor poverty, of my parentage, nor pedigree; and ſince his infinite condeſcenſion will own me, will he take it ill if I own him? though I have nothing of my own to glory in, 1 Cor. i. 29, 31. (unleſs I ſhould glory in my ſhame) yet I will glory in the Lord, and bleſs myſelf in him.

For who is like unto the God of Jeſhurun? Deut. xxxiii. 26. Bring forth your gods, O ye nations. Lift up your eyes, and behold, who hath created all theſe things? Can any do for their favourites, as the Lord can? or if he be angry, who is that God

that ſhall deliver out of his hands? will you ſet Dagon before the ark? or ſhall Mammon contend with the Holy One! O ambitious Haman, where is now thine idol-honour? O rich glutton, that madeſt a God of pleaſure, where is now the God whom thou haſt ſerved? O ſenſual worldling, that kneweſt not where, nor how to beſtow thy goods: Do riches profit thee? Could Mammon ſave thee? Deceived ſouls! Go now to the Gods that you have choſen. Alas, they cannot for ever adminiſter a drop of water to cool your tongues.

But the portion of Jacob is not like them, Jer. x. 16. From everlaſting to everlaſting he is God, Pſal. xc. 2. His power is my confidence, his goodneſs is my maintenance, his truth is my ſhield and my buckler.

2 It confounds the Soul with amazing greatneſs and difficulty of the things.

But my clamorous unbelief hath many wiles, and afreſh aſſaults me with the difficulty of the things promiſed, and labours to non-plus, and confound me with their amazing greatneſs.

The Triumph of faith in God's omnipotency and veracity.

But why ſhould I ſtagger at the promiſe through unbelief, robbing at once my maſter of his glory, and my ſoul of her comfort? It is my great ſin to doubt and diſpute, and yet ſhall I be afraid to believe? O my ſoul it is the higheſt honour thou canſt put upon thy Lord, to believe againſt difficulties, and to look for, and rec-

kon upon great things and wonderful, paſſing all created power, and human faith.

Let not the greatneſs, nor the ſtrangeneſs of the benefits bequeathed unto thee, put thee to a ſtand. It is with a God thou haſt to do, and therefore thou muſt not look for little things; that were to darken the glory of his munificence, and the infiniteneſs of his power and goodneſs. Knoweſt thou not, that it is his deſign to make his name glorious; and to make thee know he is able to do for thee above all that thou canſt aſk or think? ſurely they cannot be any ſmall or ordinary things that ſhall be done for thee, when the Lord ſhall ſhew in thee what a God can do, and ſhall carry thee in triumph before the world, and make proclamation before thee, Thus ſhall it be done to the man whom the Lord delighteth to honour. What wonder if thou canſt not comprehend theſe things? If they exceed all thy apprehenſions and conceptions? This is a good argument for thy faith: for this is that which the Lord hath ſaid, that it hath not entered into the heart of man, to conceive what things he hath prepared for them that love him. Now if thou couldeſt conceive and comprehend them, how ſhould this word be made good? It is enough for thee, that the Lord hath ſpoken it. Is not the word nigh thee? hath God ſaid, I will receive you? You ſhall be kings and Prieſts unto God, and inherit all things:

and ſhall ſit on thrones, and judge angels, and be ever with the Lord, and ſhall I dare to ſay him nay? Unreaſonable Unbelief! what never ſatisfied? Still contradicting and blaſpheming? falſe whiſperer, no more of thy tales. I believe in God, that it ſhall be as he hath told me. Acts xxvii. 25.

And now thanks be to God, who always cauſeth us to triumph in Chriſt, 2 Cor. ii. 14. therefore my lips ſhall praiſe thee, and my ſoul which thou haſt redeemed, Pſal. lxxi. 23. for thou haſt made me glad through thy word, and I will triumph in the works of thy hands, Pſal. xcii. 4. I will ſing praiſes to the Lord whilſt I live, I will ſing praiſes to my God, whilſt I have any being, Pſalm. civ. 33.

Oh my ſoul, if thou couldſt wear out thy fingers upon the harp, and wear thy tongue to the roots, thou couldeſt yet never ſufficiently praiſe thy Redeemer.

O mine enemies, where is now your confidence, and where is your armour, wherein you truſted? I will ſet Chriſt alone againſt all your multitudes and all the powers, and malice, and policy wherewith they are armed. The field is already won, and the captain of our ſalvation returned, with the ſpoils of his enemies, having made a ſhew of them openly, triumphing over them in his croſs, Col. ii. 15. and thanks be to God, who hath given us the victory through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, 1 Cor. xv. 57.

Of whom then ſhould I be afraid, behold he is near that juſtifieth me, who ſhall plead with me?

O ye powers of hell! you are but chained captives, and we have a ſure word, that the gates of hell ſhall not prevail againſt us, Mat. xvii 18. though the world be in arms againſt us, and the devil on the head of them as their champion; yet who is this uncircumciſed Philiſtine, that he ſhould defy the armies of the living God? 1 Sam. xvii. 45, 46, 47. behold, I come out to thee, as the ſtripling againſt Goliah; not with ſword and with ſpear, but in the name of the Lord of hoſts, in whoſe ſtrength I am more than a conqueror.

O Grave, where is now thy victory? Chriſt is riſen, and hath broken up thy priſon, and rolled away the ſtone, ſo that all thy priſoners have made an eſcape. Rejoice not againſt me, O mine enemy; though I fall, I ſhall riſe again; though I lie in darkneſs, the Lord ſhall be a light unto me, Mic. vii. 8. enlarge not thy deſires OTophet, but ſhut up thy flaming mouth, for there is now no condemnation to them that are in Chriſt Jeſus, Rom. viii. 1.

O deceitful world, thou art already overcome, John xviii. 33. and the conquered enemy is become my ſervant, 1 Cor. iii. 22. and I am fed with honey taken out of the carcaſe of the lion. I fear not thy threats, nor the enchantments of thy ſyren ſongs,

being kept by the power of God, through a victorious faith unto ſalvation, 1 Pet. i. 5. 1 John v. 4.

O my ſins: you are already buried, never to have any reſurrection, and the remembrance of you ſhall be no more, Heb. viii. 12. I ſee my ſins nailed to the croſs, and their dominion is taken away, though their lives be prolonged yet for a little ſeaſon, awake therefore O my glory; awake pſaltery and harp, and meet the deliverer with triumph; for his right hand, and his holy arm have gotten us the victory, Pſalm. xcviii. 1, 2. and all the ends of the earth have ſeen the ſalvation of our God.

It upbraids the trembling ſoul with its unworthineſs

Yet methinks my unworthineſs flies in my face, and I hear my cavilling unbelief thus upbraiding me: and crying out, O proud preſumption! that thou that art conſcious to thy ſelf of thy great unworthineſs, ſhouldſt pretend a claim to God and glory. Shall daring duſt think to ſhare with the almighty, and ſay of his endleſs perfections, they are my right? bold ſinner, ſtand off, and tremble at thy preſumptuous arrogance.

Faith ſubſcribes the charge, and triumphs in God's free grace.

O my God, I lay my hand upon my mouth. I confeſs the charge of mine unworthineſs. My guilt and ſhame is ſuch as I cannot cover, but thou canſt, and doſt. Thou haſt a mantle upon my nakedneſs, and

haſt promiſed my tranſgreſſions ſhall not be mentioned, and that thou wilt multiply pardons; and ſhall I take up what thou haſt buried, and then affright myſelf with the ghoſts that infidelity hath raiſed? Is it preſumption to take the pardon that thou doſt offer? or to receive and claim thee as mine when it is but what thou haſt promiſed. I durſt not have pretended a title, but upon thy grant. I ſhould have thought it diabolical pride, to have pleaded an intereſt in thee, and claimed kindred to thee, but that thou haſt ſhewed me the way.

And thou, my ſoul, art thou ignorant of God's great deſign? knoweſt thou not, that it is his purpoſe to glorify free-grace? and how ſhould grace appear to be grace indeed, were there any worthineſs in the ſubject. Thine unworthineſs is but a foil to ſet off the beauty and riches of free grace and mercy.

But I cannot ſhake off this briar: alas, what a cavilling ſophiſter is unbelief! and will never be anſwered! now it is ready to tell me, what if the promiſe ſhould be a ſure foundation? yet thou mayeſt not build upon another man's ground. What though the grace and mercies of God are infinite; yet dogs may not catch at the children's bread, thou haſt not right nor title to the promiſe, therefore ceaſe thy pretended claim.

4 *It queſtions the believer's title to God's grace, and intereſt in the promiſe.*

The triumph of faith in the clearneſs of the believer's evidences.

But, O my ſoul, wherefore ſhouldeſt thou doubt? whoſe image and ſuperſcription is this? doſt thou not bear upon thee the marks of the Lord Jeſus? I have given up my name to him and taken hold of his covenant, Iſa. lvi. 4. and therefore may claim an intereſt.

I have accepted the matter, and cloſed with the mediator, and ſubſcribed to the conditions of the covenant, and therefore cannot queſtion but it is mine.

The Lord hath offered to be my God, and I have took hold of his offer; I have taken him as God, and given him the ſupremacy. O my ſoul, look round about thee, in heaven and in earth: Is there any thou doſt eſteem or value in compariſon of God? Pſal. lxxiii. 25, 26. Is there any thou doſt love like him, or take that content, or felicity in, that thou doſt in him? Are not thy chief deſires and deſigns to glorify and enjoy him? Thou canſt not deny, but it is truly thus. I am ſure nothing but God will content me. I am never ſo well in all the world, as in his company. My ſoul, ſeeketh him above all, and reſts in him alone, as my ſatisfactory portion. He offereth to take me as one of his people, and I have reſigned myſelf accordingly to him as his, and have put both my inward and outward man under his government, and given up all to his diſpoſal, and am reſolved to be content with him, as

my all-ſufficient happineſs, Phil. i. 20. iii. 8. Pſalm xxvii. 4, lxxxiv. 1, 2, 3. lxxxvi. 8, and cxix. 38, 57. 2 Cor. v. Acts xxiv. 16. with Rom. vi. 19. Luke xiv. 33. Pſal. xvi. 5, 6. John i. 12.

Beſides, I have taken him in his own way through Chriſt, whom he hath tendered to me as my head and huſband, and I have accordingly, ſolemnly and deliberately taken him. O my ſoul, doſt thou not know thy often debates? Luke xiv. 26, to the end. Haſt thou not put Chriſt and all the world into the balance? Haſt thou not caſt up the coſt, and reckoned upon the croſs, and willingly put thy neck under Chriſt's yoke, Mat. xi. 29. and ventured thy ſalvation on Chriſt alone, Phil. iii. 9. and truſted him with all thy happineſs, and all thy hopes? 2 Tim. i. 12. Haſt thou not over and over reſolved to take him with what comes, and that he ſhall be enough, though in the loſs of all things? 1 Cor. i. 20. Thou canſt not but know, that theſe have been the tranſactions between Chriſt and thee, and therefore he is thine, and all the promiſes yea and amen to thee through him.

And for the terms of the covenant, I love and like them; my ſoul embraceth them: neither do I deſire to be ſaved in any other way, than by repentance towards God, and faith towards our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, Acts xx. 21. and ſincere obedience to his goſpel, Rom. ii. 7.

I am willing to go out of my fleſh, and do look unto Jeſus for righteouſneſs and ſtrength, and truſt my ſalvation wholly in this bottom. I am content to deal upon truſt, and venture all in hopes of what is to come, and to tarry till the next world for my preferment. I am willing to wait till the coming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and have laid up my happineſs on the other ſide the grave, Phil. iii. 3—10. 2 Cor. v. 7. 2 Cor. iv. 18. 1 Theſ. i. 9, 10. Tit. ii. 13. Heb. x. 34, and xi. 35.

And though my ſins be many, yet I ſhould belie mine own knowledge, if I ſhould ſay they were not my conſtant trouble and burden, and the enemies againſt which I daily watch, and with whom my ſoul hath no peace. Mine own heart knoweth that I hate them, and deſire and endeavour their utter deſtruction, and do reſolve againſt them all, and am willing to uſe all God's means, that I know, to mortify them. 'Tis true that I often fall and fail; yet my conſcience beareth me witneſs that I confeſs and bewail it, and do not ordinarily and deliberately allow myſelf in any ſin whatſoever againſt my knowledge. And though my obedience be miſerably lame, yet O Lord, thou knoweſt that I have reſpect unto all thy commandments, and do ſtrive to come up to what thou requireſt. The Holy Ghoſt is witneſs, and my conſcience alſo, that I firſt ſeek the kingdom of

God, and the righteouſneſs thereof, Mat. vi. 33. and that it is my chief care to pleaſe God, and keep from ſin. Speak, O my ſoul, is not holineſs thy deſign? Doſt thou not thirſt for it and follow after it? Doſt thou not, in thy ſettled choice, prefer the holy ways of God before all the pleaſures and delights of ſin? Thou knoweſt it is thus, and therefore no diſputing; thou haſt ſincerely taken hold of God's covenant, and without controverſy it muſt be thine, Rom. vii. 24. Gal. v. 17. Pſal. xxxix. 1, xvii. 3. cxix. 101, 104. Rom. vii. 15, 16, &c. 1 Cor. ix. 26, 27. 1 John i. 9. Rom. vi. 16. Pſal. cxix. 5, 6, 30, 173. 2 Cor. v. 9. Pſal. xviii. 23, and xix. 13, and cxix. 133. Mat. 5, 6.

O my God, I ſee thou haſt been at work with my ſoul, I find the prints, I ſee the footſteps. Surely this is the finger of God. I am thy ſervant, O Lord, truly I am thy ſervant, Pſal. cxvi. 16. and my ſoul hath ſaid unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord, Pſal. xvi. 2. It muſt be ſo, wouldſt thou ever ſet thy mark upon another's goods? or ſhall God diſown his own workmanſhip; my name is written in heaven. Thou haſt written thy name upon my heart, and therefore I cannot queſtion but thou haſt my name on thine heart. I have choſen thee, O Lord, as my happineſs and heritage, and therefore I am ſure thou haſt choſen me, for I could not have loved thee, except thou hadſt loved me firſt, 1 John xiv. 19. O my Lord, diſcern

I pray thee, whoſe are theſe, the ſignet, the bracelets, and the ſtaff! I know thou wilt acknowledge them.

And now bleſſed be God, and the Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who of his abundant mercy hath begotten me again to a lively hope.

Faith makes its claim to all the benefits of the covenant, and ſtirs up the ſoul to joy and thankfulneſs in ſequentibus.

And thou, my ſoul, believe and wait, look through the window, and cry through the lattice, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. The viſion is for an appointed time wait for it. It will come in the end, and will not tarry, Hab. ii 3. Behold the huſbandman waiteth for the precious fruits of the earth, James v. 7. Be thou alſo patient. He hath long patience, and wilt not thou have a little patience? He for the fruits of the earth, but thou for the joys of heaven; he upon mere probabilities, but thou upon infallible certainties. He for a crop of corn, but thou for a crown of glory. Were he but ſure that every corn would bear a crown, how plentifully would he ſow, how joyfully would he wait? Why, ſuch is thy harveſt. As ſure as the ſummer's delights do follow the winter's ſeverities; as ſure as the wiſhed-for harveſt doth follow the toiſome and coſtly ſeed-time, ſo ſure ſhall thy Lord return, and bring thy

reward with him, Rev. xxii. 12. therefore my ſoul, love and long for the approaching jubilee, and wait all the days of my appointed time, until my change ſhall come.

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enter, Rev. xxi. 27. Nor any thing that defileth. Methinks I ſee all my afflictions and temptations, all mine infirmities and corruptions falling off me, as Elijah's mantle at his tranſlation.

O my ſoul doſt thou not ſee the chariots of fire, and the horſes of fire, come to take thee up? Be thou as poor as Lazarus, Luke xvi. 22. yet God will not diſdain to ſend a party of angels to conduct thee home. how canſt thou doubt of ready reception, who haſt ſuch a friend in court who will lead thee with boldneſs into his father's preſence? If there were joy in Pharaoh's court, when it was ſaid Joſeph's brethren are come, Gen. xlv. 16. Surely it will be welcome news in heaven, when it is told Jeſus his brethren are come.

My ſoul, fear not to enter, though the Lord be clothed with terror and majeſty: For thy redeemer will procure thee favour, and plead thy right. I am ſure of welcome, for the father himſelf loveth me, John xvi. 27. I have taſted and tried his love; and when I had played the wicked prodigal, Luke xv. yet he deſpiſed not my rags, but fell on my neck, and kiſſed me, and heaven itſelf made merry over me. Much more will he receive me gladly, and let out his love upon me, when preſented to him by his ſon, in his perfect likeneſs, as a fit object for his everlaſting delight. Fear not, O my ſoul, as if thou wert going to a ſtrange

place. Why heaven is thy country, and thy home: Wilt thou doubt of leave, or fear of welcome, when it is thine own home? Why my ſoul, thou waſt born from above, and here is thy kindred, and thy father's houſe, and therefore thou ſhalt ſurely be admitted. And then ſhall I ſee the glorious preparations of eternal love, and the bliſsful manſions of the heavenly inhabitants.

Doubtleſs it ſhall be thus. Theſe are not ſick men's, dreams, or children's hopes. The living God cannot deceive me: and may not I certainly promiſe myſelf, what the Lord hath promiſed me? I will ſooner think that all my ſenſes are deluded, and what I ſee, and feel, and taſte, is but a fancy, than think that the living God will deceive me, or that his unchangeable covenant will fail. Now I am a ſon of God, but it doth not yet appear what I ſhall be. But this I know, I ſhall be like him, and ſee him as he is, 1 John iii. 2.

I know it ſhall be thus. Why, what ſecurity ſhould I aſk of God, he hath given me all the aſſurance in the word. And though the word of God be enough, yet he is willing to ſhew more abundantly to the heirs of promiſe, the immutability of his counſel, confirmed it by an oath: that by two immutable things, in which it was impoſſible for God to lie, I might have ſtrong conſolation, Heb. vi. 17. O unreaſonable unbelief! what ſhall not the oath of a God put an end to thy ſtrife?

O my God I am ſatisfied: it is enough. Now I may be bold without preſumption, and boaſt without pride. And will no more call my duty arrogance, nor my faith a fancy.

O my ſoul! There is but a ſhort life betwixt thee and glory, where holy angels, and glorified ſaints, ſhall be mine aſſociates, and love, and praiſe mine only employment, Job xxxviii. 7. Methinks I hear already how the morning-ſtars ſing together, and all the ſons of God ſhout for joy. O that I could come in for one! But it was ſaid unto me, I ſhould reſt yet for a little ſeaſon, but I ſhall ſtand in the lot at the end of the days, Dan. xii. 13.

It is well Lord, thy word is enough. Thy bond is as good as ready payment. The Holy Ghoſt tells me, that life and glory abide me; that look what day I looſe from the body the ſame day I ſhall be landed in Paradiſe. Amen. Luke xxiii. 43. It is as I would have it.

But this is not all; when my body hath ſlept a ſhort nap in the duſt, Chriſt will call to it, Come up hither. Ah true yoke-fellow, it will be hard parting, but welcome meeting, I could not leave thee, but to live with Chriſt, Col. iii. 4. But he will raiſe thee to a glorious temple; and when he ſhall appear, will bring me with himſelf in glory: and then I ſhall re-enter thee as a royal manſion, wherein I ſhall abide with the

Lord for ever. For as we have ſerved our Redeemer together ſo we muſt be glorified together with him. And when the Lord hath married us both together again, then will he marry us both unto himſelf. For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he ſhall ſtand at the laſt day upon the earth. And though after my ſkin, worms deſtroy this body, yet in my fleſh I ſhall ſee God. Whom I ſhall ſee for myſelf, and mine eyes ſhall behold, and not another, though my reins be conſumed within me. My Lord hath already told me how it ſhall be; He hath ſet down the time, and ſhewed me the robes of immortality, and the crown of life, that I muſt put on; and the throne of glory, and the ſeat of judgement, that I muſt ſit in. He hath told me the manner, in which I ſhall be preſented to him, and eſpouſed by him. He hath told me where he will ſet me, and what he will ſay to me; and how he will acknowledge my mean ſervices, and remember what I have forgotten, Mat. xxv. 35, 37. How he will praiſe the works that I have been aſhamed of, and reward me openly, for what I have buried in ſecrecy, Matth. vi. 4. and not forget the pooreſt alms that I have given for his name. Then will he confeſs me before his father, and before the angels of God. Thus ſaith the true and faithful witneſs, and we know that his teſtimony is true.

Ah my ſoul, ſee that thou make not God a liar, 1 John v. 10.

O my God, I have believed thy report, and do look for all theſe things, according to thy promiſe. I know thou intendeſt me but a very little while in this lower region. This world is but the houſe of my pilgrimage, and my ſoul now is but like a bird in the ſhell: but when the ſhell is cracked, then ſhall ſhe take wings like a dove, and fore aloft to thee, and flee away, and be at reſt.

Yet I doubt not thy care for my deſpicable duſt, John vi. 39. I know that nothing will be loſt; I know not where they will lay me: but thy wakeful eye obſerveth, and will not be to ſeek at what door to knock, nor at what grave to call for me. I believe, and am ſure that I ſhall come a glorious piece out of thy hands, fair as the moon, clear as the ſun, crowned with honour and glory. And when my abſolution is read, and ſentence paſt upon the world, then muſt I be taken up to dwell with thee.

Let not my Lord be angry, that thy duſt and aſhes ſpeaketh thus unto thee. Thou Lord haſt raiſed my expectations, and haſt made me to look for all theſe great things from thee. In vain haſt thou written all theſe things unto me, if I ſhould not believe them and a diſtruſtful diffidence would put a high diſhonour upon thy truth.

O Lord, it repenteth me, it repenteth me

of my jealouſies, and my doubtful thoughts about thee. I know thou loveſt an humble confidence, and delighteſt in nothing more than to ſee thy children truſt thee. I know the building of my hopes lies not an hair's breadth over the foundation of thy promiſes, yea, 'tis ſure, my expectations are infinitely ſhort of what I ſhall find.

O my God, my heart truſteth ſafely in thee, and I here ſet to my ſeal, that thou art true; John iii. 33. Chriſt is my bottom in which I venture, Eph. ii 20. and the corner ſtone on which I build, Mark vii. 25. and therefore my freight is enſured, and my building ſhall challenge the winds and flood, Pſal. xxxix. 7.

And now O Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee. O my bleſſedneſs, let me enjoy thee. O my life, let me poſſeſs thee. O deſire of mine eyes, let me ſee thy face and hear thy voice; for thy voice is ſweet, and thy countenance is comely. I aſk but what thou haſt promiſed: for thou haſt told me, that I ſhall ſee God, and thou wilt ſpeak to me mouth to mouth, Mat. iv 8. even apparently, and not in dark ſpeeches, and the ſimilitude of God ſhall I behold.

So ſhall my knowledge be perfected, 1 Cor. xiii 9, 10. and I ſhall ſee the inacceſſible light and my tender eye ſhall not water, nor my ſight dazzle; but I ſhall with open face look ſteadfully on the ſun of righteouſneſs, and behold his glory. Then ſhall faith be turn-

ed into fruition, and hope into poſſeſſion, and love ſhall ariſe like the full moon in her brightneſs, and never wax nor wane more.

O thou God of my hopes, I do look for a new body, and a new ſoul: for new heaven and for a new earth, according to thy promiſe; when my whole ſoul ſhall be wholly taken up with thee, and all my affections ſtrained to the higheſt peg, and all the wheels of my raiſed powers ſet in moſt vigorous and perpetual motion towards thee, ſtill letting in and ſtill laying out; and thus ſhall there be an everlaſting communication of joy and glory from thee, and of love and praiſe from me.

O my ſoul, thou art rich indeed, and increaſed in goods. Thou haſt no reaſon to envy the glory nor grandeur of the mighticſt on earth: for their glory ſhall not deſcend after them; like ſheep ſhall they be laid in their graves, and death ſhall feed upon them, and there's an eternal end of all their pomp and excellency. But my kingdom, is an everlaſting kingdom, my robes ſhall never wear, my crown ſhall never totter, my throne ſhall never be vacant, my bread ſhall never mould, my garland ſhall never wither, my houſe ſhall never moulder, my wine ſhall never ſour, but everlaſting joy ſhall be upon my head, and ſorrow and ſighing ſhall fly away.

O my God, how happy haſt thou made me? It is better than I could have wiſhed

thou haſt done all things well, thou haſt ſettled them for ever; the whole earth cannot ſhew any ſuch heritage or tenure; the world can ſtate out her poſſeſſions but for years, nor can ſhe make a good title for that neither but mine inheritance is for ever, and none can put me out of poſſeſſion. The thing is eſtabliſhed in heaven, and in the volume of the book it is written of me; my evidence cannot be loſt: it is recorded in the court above, and enrolled in the ſacred leaves of the word and entered upon the book of my conſcience, and herein I do and will rejoice.

Now, my ſoul, wipe up thine eyes, and go away with Hannah, and be no more ſad. What though my houſe be not ſo with God; ſo happy ſo proſperous as I could wiſh: what though they be increaſed that trouble me, and my temptations and afflictions be like the rolling billows, riding one another back for haſte? yet ſhall my ſoul be as a rock unmoved, and ſit down ſatisfied in the ſecurity and amplitude of my portion. For God hath made with me an everlaſting covenant, ordered in all things, and ſure; and herein is all my ſalvation, and all my deſire.

And now what remaineth, O Lord, but that I ſhould ſpend the remainder of my days in loving, praiſing, and admiring thee? but wherewith ſhall I come before the Lord, or bow my ſelf to the moſt high God?

what ſhall I give thee, to expreſs my thankfulneſs, though not to requite thy bounty? alas my poor little ſoul! alas that thou art ſo little. How narrow are thy capacities! how diſpropottionate are thy powers! alas that my voice can reach to no higher a note. But ſhall I do nothing becauſe I cannot do all?

Lord, I reſign to thee. With the poor widow, I caſt my two mites (my ſoul and body) into thy treaſury. All my members ſhall be weapons of righteouſneſs for thee. Here is my good will. Behold, my ſubſtance is thy ſtock, mine intereſt is for thy ſervice. I lay all at thy feet: there thou haſt them, they are thine: my children I enter as thy ſervants; my poſſeſſions I reſign as thy right. I will call nothing mine but thee. All mine are thine. I can ſay, my Lord, and my God, and that is enough; I thankfully quit my claim to all things elſe I will no more ſay, my houſe is mine, or my eſtate is mine; I my ſelf am not mine own: Yet it is infinitely better for me to be thine, than if I were mine own. This is my happineſs, that I can ſay, my own God, my own father. And O what a bleſſed exchange haſt thou made with me! to give me thyſelf, who art an infinite ſum, for myſelf, who am but an inſignificant cypher.

And now Lord, do thou accept and own my claim. I am not worthy of any thing of thine, much leſs of thee. But ſith I have a

deed to ſhew, I bring thy word in my hand, and am bold to take poſſeſſion. Doſt thou not know this hand? Wilt thou not own this name? wilt thou not confirm thine own grant? It were infidelity, to doubt it. I will not diſparage the faithfulneſs of my Lord, nor be afraid to aver, and ſtand to what he hath ſaid and ſworn. Haſt thou ſaid, thou art my God, and ſhall I fear thou art mine enemy? Haſt thou told me, thou art my father, and ſhall I ſtand aloof, as if I were a ſtranger? I will believe. Lord ſilence my fears; and as thou haſt given me the claim and title of a child, ſo give me the confidence of a child. Let my heart be daily kept alive by thy promiſes, and with this ſtaff let me paſs over Jordan. May theſe be my undivided companions and comforters: When I go, let them lead me; When I ſleep let them keep me; When I awake, let them talk with me. And do thou keep theſe things for ever, upon the imaginations of the thoughts of the hearts of thy people, and prepare their hearts unto thee. And let the heart of thy ſervant be the ark of thy Teſtament wherein the ſacred records of what hath paſſed between thee and my ſoul, may for ever be preſerved. *Amen.*

FINIS.

TO THE READER.

MAN, which at the beginning was created happy, Gen. i. 26. Eph. ii. 10. having now loſt God and his image, is of all earthly creatures become moſt miſerable, no leſs than a ſlave of the devil, a child of wrath and an heir of eternal damnation, Eph. ii. 2, 3. this is not the eſtate of a few only, but of all mankind out of Chriſt; for we are all by nature under the curſe, 2 Cor. iv. 4. Rom. v. 19 Gal iii. 10 the beſt, before their converſion, were by nature children of wrath, even as others, Eph ii. 3. Rom v. ver. 12. for every woman's child did fall equally in Adam: hence it comes to paſs, that no man by nature is now in better eſteem with God than other. Cain and Abel as children of the firſt Adam only were equally miſerable; the like may be ſaid of us all, for both Jews and Gentiles are come under ſin, Rom. iii. 9. and as the Pſalmiſt ſaith, we all are gone out of the way, we are altogether become filthy, there is none righteous no not one, Pſal. xiv. 3. O that men and women had their eyes enlightened and judgements convinced of that woful plight in which naturally they are! Oh! were their hearts throughly loden herewith, ſurely they would not long content themſelves therein. The truth is, moſt

in the world are ſpiritually blind, and cannot diſcern their own miſery; and ſpiritually dead too, 1 John v. 29. Eph. ii. 1, 5. and cannot be affected with it: The Holy Ghoſt ſaith thus of them, Eph. iv. 18, 19. They walk in the vanity of their mind, having their underſtanding darkened, and are ſtrangers from the life of God; through the ignorance which is in them, becauſe of the hardneſs of their hearts: who being paſt feeling, have given themſelves unto wantonneſs, to work all uncleanneſs with greedineſs. Such as theſe, are ſo far from having any right to God's promiſes, that for the preſent they are under the curſe, and conſequently in the dint of all the plagues and threatnings in God's book, Deut. xxvii. ult. Deut xxviii. 56, 63. Wherefore let not ſuch as yet challenge any comfort from the promiſes, but let them rather labour to the uttermoſt of their power, in uſing all good means to be made capable and fit ſubjects for mercy revealed in the promiſes. Is it not pity ſo many ſweet promiſes of life ſhould be made, and yet thou die and be damned notwithſtanding? Pray fervently to God that he would touch thy heart with grief for all thy ſins, and work in thee a clear apprehenſion of thine own unworthineſs; Acts ii. 37. Luke xv. 19. and that he would beſtow faith on thee, that by it thou mayeſt be able to go wholly out of thyſelf to God through Jeſus Chriſt for ſalvation.

We having departed from him, who is the God of all grace and conſolation, are fallen into an eſtate of all baſeneſs, deſolation, and miſery; and cannot be recovered again into the former eſtate of ſpiritual life and happineſs, unleſs we be brought again to him who is the foundation of life and happineſs, even the living God: and brought to him we can never be, but by faith, Heb. xi. 6. which is nothing elſe but the going out of the ſoul to God through Chriſt, to fetch a new principal of ſpiritual life, and grace, which once in Adam we loſt, and now need. The which work of faith is not wrought but by the promiſes; and being wrought in our hearts gives us a moſt ſure right and intereſt, unto all the promiſes of grace, Rom. x. 8, 17. Heb. vi. 12, 27. Thus we through faith and patience, are ſaid to inherit the promiſes, therefore we are called the heirs of the promiſe: the promiſes are as well ours, who truly believe, as heaven itſelf is. Now by theſe heavenly promiſes, God our father hath engaged himſelf as a debtor to us his poor children for all things needful to life and godlineſs, 2 Pet. i. 3. until that bleſſed time comes when we ſhall be put into full poſſeſſion of all things which we have now only in promiſe: at that time faith ſhall end in fruition, and promiſes in performance. As the ſoul is the life of the body, and faith the life of the ſoul, ſo are God's promiſes the

life of faith. For from whence hath faith his efficacy, but becauſe it lays hold on the free promiſes? but from whence have the promiſes their ſtrength? even from the conſtant nature of Jehovah, 2 Cor. i. 20. who always gives a being to his word. Deſireſt thou faith? then take notice of God's promiſes: wouldſt thou have thy faith like the light in the Lord's ſanctuary never to go out? then acquaint thyſelf with God's promiſes, know them well, meditate on them, confer about them: Let them be continually in thy mind, memory, heart and tongue. Satan laboureth in nothing more than to keep us in unbelief, eſpecially of particular promiſes; for he knows if we believe them, we ſhall in all things have the victory, come before God with boldneſs, carry peace in our own boſoms to our graves, and do, and ſuffer any thing for God. 1 John v. Eph. ii. Rom. xv. Heb. xi. Oh the abundance of ſweet cordial comfort, which all humble believers draw by faith out of every promiſe! now beloved, theſe precious promiſes (our breaſts of conſolation) whereupon our happineſs ſo much depends, lie hid in the holy ſcripture, as veins of gold in the earth, Iſa. lxvi. 11, 12. Surely thoſe that ſearched mines to bring to light theſe treaſures, are worthy of great commendation. Wherefore I doubt not but the good pains of this bleſſed and faithful ſervant of God will find good entertainment of all the children of

the promiſes, that hope to entertain them- who hath with great care and good evidence of ſpiritual underſtanding diſcovered and compiled the variety and uſe of all the promiſes in matters temporal, ſpiritual, and eternal; ſo that here is a medicine for every diſeaſe, and a ſalve for every ſore. Read them carefully, and ponder them ſeriouſly, and apply them faithfully. And I beſeech the good Lord, who is the author of them, that by his holy ſpirit he would make them powerful and effectual in us.

Conſider what is ſaid, and the Lord give us underſtanding in all things, 2 Tim. ii. 7.

RULES

TO BE OBSERVED

IN READING OF PROMISES.

1. WHATSOEVER promiſe is made in general to all the faithful, every one muſt particularly apply it to themſelves, as Gen. iii. 14. the Meſſiah is promiſed to all, every one muſt apply him to themſelves.

2. Whatſoever promiſe is made to any one of the faithful (if there be not ſome particular reaſon which ties it to his perſon, as was to Abraham for a ſon, and his ſeed to

inherit the land of Canaan) every child of God hath right to it: as you may see, Joshua i. 5. I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. This every one may apply to themselves, as we know the Holy Ghost applies it, Heb. xiii. 5 For he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Which teacheth us to do the like in all the rest of the promises.

3. Under temporal promises to the Jews, are set forth the excellent promised graces, which God will give to his people after the coming of Christ, Ezek. xxxiv. 25, 26, 27.

4. When we read the conditions of the promises, they are not like to the duties of the law, made to the perfect fulfillers of them; the promises are evangelical, made to those which endeavour to keep them, and the main conditions of them are faith.

5. In all the promises for increase of grace, or means of grace, or for any earthly things, we must know we shall have them so far performed to us, as the Lord seeth good for us.

6. In our weak endeavourings to keep the promises, we must believe the performance to us, in, by, and through Christ; In whom all the promises of God are yea, and Amen, that is, as I conceive, confirmed and made good to us in him, 2 Cor. ii. 20. when we can see nothing in ourselves, why they should be performed to us, even then we are to claim them for Christ's sake; if thou

be in Chriſt: for if thou be not in him, no promiſe belongs to thee: but that threatnings and judgements are thy portion, and nothing elſe can we claim as our due. Sorrow, weeping, and howling is that which God requireth of us, and not lying upon the comfortable promiſes, till we hunger after Chriſt; which God grant we may do more and more, till we come to be ſatisfied with his image in the life to come, Pſal. xvii. 15.

THE

SAINTS' LEGACIES.

THESE PROMISES I HAVE OBSERVED FOR SPIRITUAL THINGS.

The I. Legacy.

If we find nothing in ourſelves that may move God.

WHEN we find nothing in ourſelves that might move the Lord to have mercy, then apply theſe promiſes, Iſa. xliii. 25. I even I am he that blotteth out thy tranſgreſſion for mine own ſake, and will not remember thy ſin, Iſa. xliv. 22. I have blotted out as a thick cloud, thy tranſgreſſions, and as a cloud thy ſins: return unto me for I have redeemed thee.

Jer. xxxi. 14. I will forgive their iniquity and remember their ſin no more.

Ezek. xxxvi. 25. I will ſprinkle clean water upon you, and ye ſhall be clean from all your filthineſs.

Iſa. lvii 58 I have ſeen his ways, and will heal him; I will lead him alſo, and reſtore comforts unto him, and to his mourners.

Theſe promiſes are free, made by the

Lord, not for any thing that is in man, as you may ſee in Iſa xliii. from the 22 verſe, to the 25. for the Lord ſaith, they had not called upon him, but wearied the Lord; brought him no offering, yea wearied him with their ſins; and yet in the 25. verſe he ſaith, for his own ſake he would forgive their ſins.

Theſe promiſes we ſhall always need of, as at our converſion, ſo afterwards many times we ſhall in our own feeling find nothing in our ſelves to perſuade us of the pardon of our ſins, then we muſt fly to theſe free promiſes When thou ſeeſt nothing in thy ſelf why the Lord ſhould pardon thy ſins, and therefore doubteſt of the pardon of them, apply, I am he that puts away thy ſins for mine own ſake.

When thy ſins riſe up as a cloud, that thou canſt ſee nothing but them, apply, I have put away thy ſins as a cloud.

When thou feareſt the multitude of thy ſins, apply, you ſhall be clean from all your ſins.

The II. Legacy.

If we fear God will remember our ſins to puniſh them.

WHEN we fear God will remember our ſins before commited, to puniſh us for them, apply, Jer. xxxi. 34. I will

remember his ſin no more, Ezek. xviii. 22. His tranſgreſſions which he hath committed, ſhall not be mentioned to him, but in the righteouſneſs which he hath done, ſhall he live.

Ezek. xxxiii. 16. none of his ſins that he hath committed ſhall be mentioned to him.

The III. Legacy

If often ſinning cauſe thee doubt of pardon.

WHEN thine often ſinning cauſeth thee to fear that God will not pardon thee, apply, Job. xxxiii. 27, 28, 29. he looketh upon man, and if any ſay, I have ſinned, and perverted that which was right and it profiteth me not: he will deliver his ſoul from going into the pit, and his life ſhall ſee the light. Lo, all theſe things worketh God, oftentimes with man, wherefore believe not Satan that perſuades thee contrary, nor let thy corruptions make thee bold to preſume of pardon; for though God promiſe pardon, yet it is to the penitent, not to the preſumptuous, as ver. 27.

The IV. Legacy.

If thou deſpair.

WHEN thou art at the pit's brink of deſpair, and art dried up with ſor-

row, then go to ſome faithful preacher that is able to preach Chriſt unto thee, and apply theſe promiſes: Job. xxxiii. 24, 25, 26. then he is gracious unto him, and ſaith, deliver him from going down to the pit, I have found a ranſom. His fleſh ſhall be freſher than a child's, he ſhall return to the days of his youth. He ſhall pray unto God, and he ſhall be favourable unto him, and he ſhall ſee his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteouſneſs.

Iſa. lvii. 19. I create the fruit of the lips, Peace, peace, to him that is far off, and to him that is near, ſaith the Lord, and I will heal him,

When thou comeſt to the uttermoſt extremity for ſin, apply, I will have mercy on him, and deliver him, that he go not down to the pit.

When thou feareſt that God or his miniſters will not ſpeak peace unto thee, apply, I have received a reconciliation, I create the fruit of the lips to be peace, to them that are far off, and to them that are near.

When thy ſorrows have withered thee up, apply, he ſhall return asthe days of his youth, and his fleſh ſhall be as in the fleſh of a child.

If in this eſtate thou feareſt God will not hear prayers for thee, apply, he ſhall pray to God, and he will be favourable to him.

When thou feareſt thou ſhalt not be able to look upon the Lord with joy, apply; he ſhall ſee his face with joy.

When thou ſeeſt not any thing in thy ſelf, that ſhould cauſe thee not to believe this, apply, he will render to man his righteouſneſs: which is (I think) Chriſt's righteouſneſs, for whoſe ſake he will do it.

The V. Legacy.

If thou findeſt ſin an heavy burden, and Satan purſuing.

WHEN thou feeleſt ſin an heavy burden and Satan purſuing thee with many fears, by reaſon of the ſame, fly to Chriſt, and apply, Mat. xi. 28, 29. come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you reſt. Mat. i. 21. he ſhall ſave his people from their ſins.

Rom. xvi. 20. and the God of peace ſhall bruiſe Satan under your feet ſhortly.

Iſa. xxxii. 3. and a man ſhall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempeſt, as rivers of waters in a dry place, as the ſhadow of a great rock in a weary land. Thus doth Chriſt, to the ſoul that flies to him.

If Satan purſue thee, apply, he is an hiding place.

If ſtorms of temptations and afflictions do ariſe, apply, he is a refuge againſt the tempeſt.

If thy ſoul be ready to faint through weakneſs, apply, he is a river of water in a

dry place, to revive thy ſpirits, and as the ſhadow of a great rock, under which thou mayeſt ſafely repoſe thyſelf. When thou findeſt thy ſins very heavy, apply, I will eaſe you.

When thou haſt no reſt in thy ſoul, becauſe of ſin, apply, you ſhall find reſt to your ſouls. He ſhall ſave his people from their ſins, both from the puniſhment and the power.

If thou feareſt length of time in temptations, apply, the God of peace ſhall bruiſe Satan under your feet ſhortly.

The VI. Legacy.

If thou turn from ſin, and yet doubt of pardon

WHEN thou turneſt from ſin, and doubteſt of the pardon of it, apply, Iſa. i 18. though your ſins be as ſcarlet, they ſhall be as white as ſnow; tho' they be red like crimſon, they ſhall be as wool.

Iſa. lv. 7. let the wicked forſake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Micah. vii. 18, 19. who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and paſſeth by the tranſgreſſion of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for

ever, becauſe he delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, he will have compaſſion upon us, he will ſubdue our iniquities, and thou wilt caſt all their ſins into the depths of the ſea, Prov. xxi. 13. He that confeſſeth and forſaketh his ſins ſhall find mercy, 1 John i. 9. If we confeſs our ſins, he is faithful and juſt to forgive us our ſins, and to cleanſe us from all unrighteouſneſs.

When thou ſeeſt thy ſoul of a ſinful colour; apply, Though they be red like crimſon, they ſhall be as white as wool.

If thou feareſt God will hardly be intreated, apply, He will have mercy, for he is ready to forgive.

If we fear that our ſins have taken ſuch ſtrong hold upon us; as we ſhall never get from them, apply, He will cleanſe us from all our unrighteouſneſs. Seeing God promiſeth to be the cleanſer, fear not the hardneſs of the work.

The VII. Legacy.

If thou wouldeſt have thy manifold rebellions ſubdued.

WHEN thou feeleſt many rebellions in thine heart and life, and wouldſt have them not only pardoned, but ſubdued, apply, Hoſ. xiv. 5. I will heal their backſliding. Which promiſe (as I think) contains this much, that God will not only pardon, but heal us, and inſtead of rebellious

a hearts, and lives, will give us obedient hearts and lives; for as healing followeth the curing of ſickneſs: ſo obedience doth the curing of rebellion, Mic. vii. 19. He will ſubdue our iniquities.

When thou feeleſt ſin very ſtrong, fly to this promiſe, and apply the ſtrength of him that promiſeth, againſt the ſtrength of ſin: It is the Lord that hath promiſed to ſubdue it; what though ſin and Satan join their force together, yet the Lord is ſtronger than all their force, we need not doubt.

The VIII. Legacy.

If thy heart be hard and full of corruption.

WHEN thou feeleſt thine heart hard, and full of corruption, apply, Ezek. xxxvi. 26. A new heart alſo will I give you, and a new ſpirit will I put within you, and I will take away the ſtony heart out of your fleſh, and I will give you an heart of fleſh.

Deut. xxx. 6. And the Lord thy God will circumciſe thine heart, and the heart of thy ſeed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy ſoul, that thou mayeſt live.

When thou feeleſt thine heart worldly, carnal; apply, I will circumciſe thy heart. A new heart will I give thee.

When nothing will break thine heart,

apply the power of Jehovah, that hath promiſed to cure thee, in taking away thy ſtony heart.

The IX. Legacy.

If unbridled nature break out into paſſion.

WHEN thou canſt not bridle nature, but it breaks forth into violent paſſions, to contention, apply, Iſa. xi. 6. The wolf alſo ſhall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard ſhall lie down with the kid, and the calf, and the young lion, and the fatling together, and a little child ſhall lead them. Such ſhall be the power of the goſpel, that thoſe which are by nature like wolves and devouring beaſts, ſhall dwell very peaceably: And if we find our nature ſuch, we muſt apply, The wolf ſhall dwell with the lamb.

Micah vii. 19. He will ſubdue our iniquities, and will caſt all our ſins into the depth of the ſea: that which is caſt into the ſea, as it appeareth not in ſight, ſo we cannot get it again, though we would: ſo will God do by your ſins, caſt them out of his ſight, ſo as we ſhall not return to them any more: preſs him with his promiſe, and you ſhall find more than you think.

The X. Legacy.

If thou be in bondage to ſome ſin.

WHEN thou feeleſt thyſelf in bondage to ſome ſin, apply, John viii. 32. You ſhall know the truth, and the truth ſhall make you free.

Rom. vi. 14. Sin ſhall not have dominion over you.

When thou feeleſt thy bondage, that thou canſt not do good or keep thyſelf from evil; apply, The truth ſhall make you free.

If thy ſins often prevail againſt thee, apply, Sin ſhall not have dominion over you.

Pſal. cxxx. 8. He ſhall redeem Iſrael from all his iniquities.

The XI. Legacy.

If thou feareſt the breaking out of ſtrong ſins.

WHEN thou feeleſt ſome ſin ſo ſtrong in thee, that thou feareſt it will break out to God's diſhonour, and the blemiſhing of religion, apply, 1 Theſſ. v. 23, 24. That your whole ſpirit, ſoul and body may be preſerved blameleſs unto the coming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. Faithful is he that calleth you, who alſo will do it. That God which hath called thee, will keep thee blameleſs unto the coming of Chriſt: therefore uſe the means, and reſt upon the Lord's

faithfulneſs which never faileth them which truſt in him.

2 Theſſ. iii. 3. But the Lord is faithful, who ſhall ſtabliſh you and keep you from evil.

1 John i. 9. If we confeſs our ſins, he is faithful and juſt to forgive us our ſins, and to cleanſe us from all unrighteouſneſs. By cleanſing (as I think) is meant not only from the guilt of ſin, but the power of it, that the filthineſs of it ſhall not appear in our lives and converſations. When ſin purſues thee hard to make thee fall, do thou purſue the Lord with prayers, for performance of this promiſe, and doubt not of the iſſue.

Micah vii. 19. He will ſubdue our iniquities. And to theſe add the prayer of Chriſt, John xvii. 15. I pray not that thou ſhouldeſt take them out of the world, but that thou ſhouldeſt keep them from the evil. Now what greater evil than ſin: Therefore, though thy prayers be but weak againſt it, yet he hath prayed that was always heard; therefore fight, and be ſure of victory.

The XII. Legacy.

When thou art ſtayed from ſin by admonition.

WHEN thou art ſtayed from ſin by admonition, apply, Ezek. iii. 21. If thou warn the righteous man, that the

righteous ſin not, and he doth not ſin, he ſhall ſurely live becauſe he is warned.

When any admoniſh thee, obey and it ſhall be life to thy ſoul, therefore receive the admonition, and apply, He ſhall live, becauſe he is admoniſhed.

The XIII. Legacy.

If thou feareſt God will deſtroy thee for Sin.

IF thou feareſt God will deſtroy thee for thy ſins, apply, Ezek. xviii. 30. Turn yourſelves from all your tranſgreſſions, ſo iniquity ſhall not be your ruin.

Mat. i. 21. He ſhall ſave his people from their ſins.

When thou feareſt the greatneſs or multitude of thy ſins will be thy deſtruction, apply, Iniquity ſhall not be your ruin.

When thou ſeeſt no means of ſafety, apply, He (that is Chriſt) ſhall ſave his people from their ſins.

The XIV. Legacy.

If thou be tempted to Uncleanneſs.

IF thou be tempted to uncleanneſs, apply, Prov. ii. 16. He ſhall deliver thee from the ſtrange woman.

1 Theſſ. v. 24. Thy body ſhall be kept blameleſs until the coming of Chriſt.

The XV Legacy.

If thou canſt not find out thy ſin, for which God corrects thee.

IF thou canſt not find out thy ſin for which God correcteth thee, apply, Job. xxxix. 9. If they be tied with the cords of affliction, then will I ſhew them their work and their ſins.

A wiſe father will not correct his child, but he will ſhew him wherefore, how elſe ſhould he amend his fault? much more will the Lord. But we enjoy not many promiſes, becauſe we ſue not for them.

Thus far about ſin, the next about grace.

The XVI. Legacy.

If thou doubt of ſalvation.

IN doubt of ſalvation, apply, God ſo loved the world, that he gave his only begotten ſon, that whoſoever believeth in him, ſhould not periſh, but have everlaſting life, John. iii. 16.

John v. 24. he that heareth my word and believeth on him that hath ſent me hath everlaſting life, and ſhall not come into condemnation, but is paſſed from death unto life.

John viii. 51. If any man keep my ſaying, he ſhall never ſee death.

John. xi. 25. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet ſhall he live. And, whoſoever believeth in me ſhall never ſee death.

If thou doubt that thou ſhalt periſh and not be ſaved, apply he that believes in Chriſt, ſhall not periſh, but ſhall have everlaſting life, and ſhall not come into condemnation. Labour to believe theſe promiſes, for that is required of thee, for the obtaining of what is promiſed.

The XVII. Legacy.

If thine heart be as a wilderneſs, barren of Good.

WHEN thou findeſt thine heart as a wilderneſs barren of good, apply, Iſa. xxxv. 1, 2. The wilderneſs and the ſolitary place ſhall be glad for them: And the deſert ſhall rejoice, and bloſſom as the roſe, it ſhall bloſſom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and ſinging.

This promiſe is made to the church, and every member of it may apply it to themſelves: therefore when thou feeleſt thine heart as a deſert wilderneſs, and waſte ground; void of good, full of briars and thorns of ſin, then know thou ſhalt not only bring forth ſweet ſmelling graces, like roſes, but alſo all abundance of them.

Prov. xi. 28. The righteous ſhall flouriſh

as a branch, Prov. xiii. 4. The ſoul of the diligent ſhall be made fat.

Hoſ. xiv. 5, 6. I will be as the dew to Iſrael, he ſhall grow as the lily, and caſt forth his roots like Lebanon; his branches ſhall ſpread, and his beauty ſhall be as the olive tree, and his ſmell as Lebanon.

When we want means to make us fruitful, apply, the Lord will be as dew to Iſrael.

When we deſire to flouriſh and grow up in Grace, apply, he ſhall grow as the lily, his branches ſhall ſpread.

If thou wouldeſt ſhine forth in the beauty of holineſs, apply, his beauty ſhall be as the olive tree, and as the lilies, whoſe glory is greater than Solomon's in all his royalty.

If thou wouldeſt have thy graces ſend forth a ſweet ſmell, apply, his ſmell ſhall be as Lebanon.

If thou feareſt the continuance of this eſtate, apply, he ſhall faſten his roots as the trees of Lebanon.

It matters not how great our barrenneſs be, when God will be a dew to us: It will quickly make us fruitful, we ſhall bring forth fruits glorious to the ſight as the lily, and as the olive tree, and the ſcent of our graces ſhall be a ſweet ſmelling ſavour, as the trees of Lebanon. Therefore though thou feeleſt thy heart yet barren, and thou haſt uſed means long, and yet art not fruitful, ſtill uſe the means, and believe, for

therein did Abraham glorify God, that he believed, above hope, that Sarah ſhould have a ſon, whoſe womb was barren, and by years paſt child bearing: ſo though thine heart remain barren in thine own feeling, after long uſe of means, yet ſtill follow ſeeking in the means, and believe, for we have as ſure promiſes, and as faithful a performer, as Abraham had, Jeſus Chriſt, yeſterday, and to day, and the ſame for ever, John vii. 38. He that believeth on me, out of his belly ſhall flow rivers of water of life.

The XVIII. Legacy.

If thou wanteſt holineſs.

WHEN thou art troubled for want of holineſs, apply, Exod. xix. 6. You ſhall be an holy nation.

Deut. xxviii. 9. And the Lord ſhall eſtabliſh thee an holy people unto himſelf.

The Lord will make thee holy; therefore ſin, nor Satan, nor wicked men cannot hinder thy holineſs: for he that makes thee holy is ſtronger than all, and doth what he will.

1 Theſſ. v. 23, 24. The God of peace ſhall ſanctify you throughout, in ſpirit, ſoul and body. Faithful is he which calleth you, which will alſo do it.

The XIX Legacy.

When thou canſt not offer up any ſacrifice.

WHEN thou canſt not offer up any ſacrifice to God of prayer or praiſe, or thyſelf in ſacrifice, apply, Exod. xix. 5. Ye ſhall be unto me a kingdom of prieſts. God promiſeth that we ſhall be prieſts, that is, ſuch as ſhall offer up ſacrifice unto him, for that was the prieſt's office. Therefore when thou findeſt thyſelf unable to pray, or praiſe the Lord, or to offer up thyſelf to God, ſoul and body, ſtrive in faith grounded on the promiſes, that he which commanded, hath alſo promiſed to make us able to do it, for he hath ſaid, we ſhall be prieſts, Mal. i. 11. In every place incenſe ſhall be offered to my name, and a pure offering, which is ſpoken of the believing Gentiles; therefore thou being one of them, ſhalt be able to offer up pure offerings.

The XX. Legacy.

When thou feeleſt but little grace.

WHEN thou feeleſt little grace, knowledge, faith, love, repentance, all very little, apply, Job. viii. 7. though thy beginning be ſmall, yet thy latter end ſhall greatly increaſe.

Matth. xiii. 12. Whoſoever hath, to him ſhall be given; and he ſhall have abundance.

Therefore let not thy ſmall beginnings diſcourage thee; but if thon canſt prove thou haſt ſome grace, then join faith and diligence together, and they will quickly make thee rich.

The XXI. Legacy.

When all thy Graces are weak.

WHEN thou findeſt all thy graces very weak, and no ſtrength to perform any ſpiritual duty, either prayer, or faſting, or any other duty, then apply, Pſal. xxix. 11. The Lord will give ſtrength unto his people. Iſa. xl. 29. 31. He giveth power to the faint, and to them which have no might he encreaſeth ſtrength. They that wait upon the Lord ſhall renew their ſtrength, they ſhall mount up with wings as eagles, they ſhall run and not be weary, they ſhall walk and not faint.

When thou feeleſt thyſelf faint, ſtay thy ſelf with this promiſe, he gives ſtrength to him that fainteth.

When thou feeleſt no power, apply, to him that hath no ſtrength he increaſeth power. If thou haſt loſt thy power, then ſtay thyſelf with this, they ſhall renew their ſtrength.

If thou art ready to give over through wearineſs, then gather ſtrength from this, they ſhall run, and not be weary, and walk and not be faint.

And if thou findeſt not theſe promiſes performed unto thee, either thou endeavoureſt not to keep the conditions, or elſe thou art negligent in ſearching out the promiſes, or cold in ſuing for them: The Lord will be ſought to for the performance.

Iſa. xli. 10. I am thy God, I will ſtrengthen thee, yea I will help thee, yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteouſneſs, Iſa. xxvi. 4. Truſt thou in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlaſting ſtrength.

To know there is ſtrength in the Lord is no comfort, unleſs we know it ſhall be for us. Therefore ſince it is given for a comfort, it muſt include this promiſe. Thus the Lord's ſtrength for evermore ſhall be employed for our good. Therefore when we want for either ſoul or body, we muſt fix our confidence in him, who will not fail us, if we ſeek unto him.

The XXII. Legacy.

When thy heart is dried for want of grace.

WHEN thou feeleſt thy heart dried up for want of grace that thou canſt not ſend forth any water of grace in thy thoughts, words and works, apply, Iſa. xliv. 3. I will pour water upon him that is thirſty, and floods upon the dry ground.

Iſa. lviii. 11. "The Lord ſhall ſatisfy thy

" ſoul in drought, and make fat thy bones,
" and thou ſhalt be like a watered garden,
" and like a ſpring of waters, whoſe waters
" fail not."

Jer. xvii. 8. " He ſhall be as a tree planted
" by the waters, that ſpreadeth out her
" roots by the river, and ſhall not ſee when
" heat cometh: But her leaf ſhall be green,
" and ſhall not be careful in the year of
" drought, neither ſhall ceaſe from yield-
" ing fruit."

Jer. xxxi. 12. " Their ſoul ſhall be as a
" watered garden."

James iv. 6. " God giveth grace unto
" the humble."

Iſa. xxxv. 6, 7. " In the wilderneſs ſhall
" waters break out, and ſtreams in the de-
" ſert. And the parched ground ſhall be-
" come a pool, and the thirſty land ſprings
" of waters." That is, the moſt barren heart ſhall abound with grace, according to that promiſe, John vii. 38. " out of their bel-
" lies ſhall flow rivers of the waters of life."

Iſa. xli. 17, 18. " When the poor and
" needy ſeek water, and there is none, and
" their tongues fail for thirſt, I the Lord
" will hear them, I the God of Iſrael will
" not forſake them: I will open rivers in
" high places: and fountains in the midſt
" of the valleys. I will make the wilder-
" neſs a pool of water, and the dry land
" ſprings of water, I will plant in the wil-
" derneſs the cedar, the ſhittah-tree, and

" the myrtle, and the olive tree: I will ſet " in the deſert the fir-tree, and the pine, " and the box-tree together." So now though thou feeleſt thy heart barren, know that God will be thy gardener to thy barren heart, to make pools, and plant pleaſant grapes of graces; therefore ſeeing he taketh upon himſelf the work, fear not the badneſs of the ground for he will make it good as a fruitful garden.

The XXIII. Legacy.

If thou wanteſt the ſpirit.

IF thou feeleſt thou wanteſt the ſpirit of God, apply, Ezek. xxxvi. 27. " I will " put my ſpirit within you."

Luke xi. 13. " If ye then being evil, know " how to give good gifts unto your chil- " dren: how much more ſhall your heaven- " ly father give the holy ſpirit to them that " aſk him."

Joel ii. 28, 29. " I will pour out my ſpi- " rits upon all fleſh, and your ſons and your " daughters ſhall propheſy, your old men " ſhall dream dreams, and your young " men ſhall ſee viſions. And alſo upon the " ſervants, and upon the handmaids in thoſe " days will I pour out my ſpirit."

John xiv. 16, 17, 18. " And I will pray " the father, and he ſhall give you another " comforter, that he may abide with you

" for ever: Even the ſpirit of truth: He " dwelleth in you, and ſhall be in you. I " will not leave you comfortleſs, I will " come to you."

When thou canſt not pray thyſelf, ſtay thyſelf on theſe prayers, that Chriſt hath prayed to the father to give the ſpirit, and he was heard in all he prayed for, therefore thou mayeſt claim it, though thy prayers be but weak.

The XXIV. Legacy.

If looking on God's Love, thou canſt not love God again.

WHEN thou lookeſt upon the great love of God unto thee, and canſt not find thine heart enlarged in loving God again, apply, this promiſe, Deut. xxx. 9. " I will circumciſe thine heart, that thou " mayeſt love the Lord thy God with all " thine heart, and with all thy ſoul."

The XXV. Legacy.

If thou canſt not bring thine heart to delight in the Lord

WHEN thou canſt not bring thine heart to delight in the Lord, apply, Iſa. xli. 16. " Thou ſhalt rejoice in the Lord, " and glory in the holy one of Iſrael."

Pſal. lxxxix. 16. " In thy name ſhall they " rejoice all the day; and in thy righteouſ- " neſs ſhall they be exalted."

Job. xxii. 26. For then ſhalt thou have "thy delight in the Almighty."

Pſal. xxxiii. 21. "For our heart ſhall rejoice in him, becauſe we have truſted in "his holy name."

When thou ſeeſt cauſe of rejoicing in the Lord, and yet canſt not move thine affections, apply, "They ſhall rejoice in him."

If through many troubles, and temptations, thou findeſt thy joys often interrupted, apply, "They ſhall rejoice continually in "thy name."

The XXVI. Legacy.

If thou feeleſt not God's fear in thine heart.

WHEN we feel not the fear of God in our hearts, apply, Jer. xxxiii. 40. 'I will put my fear in their hearts.'

If we would have a reverent fear of God, when we perform any holy duty, or at other times, as thou feeleſt thy need, ſo urge the Lord with this his promiſe, for he delights to be ſued to, upon his promiſe, by his ſervants, Ezek. xxxvi. 37. 'I will yet for this 'be inquired of by the houſe of Iſrael to do 'it for them.'

The XXVII. Legacy.

If thine heart will not praiſe the Lord.

WHEN thou canſt not bring thine heart to praiſe the Lord, apply, Iſa. xliii.

21. 'This people have I formed for myſelf, 'they ſhall ſhew forth my praiſe.'

Joel ii. 26. 'Ye ſhall eat in plenty and be 'ſatisfied, and praiſe the name of the Lord 'your God.'

Pſal. xxii. 29. 'They ſhall praiſe the 'Lord that ſeek him.

When thou ſeeſt what great things God hath done for thee, and findeſt not thyſelf able to ſet forth his praiſe, apply, They ſhall ſet forth my praiſe.

When thou findeſt thy ungrateful heart not affected with the mercies thou enjoyeſt, ſo as they ſtir thee not up to praiſe the Lord, apply, He ſhall eat and be ſatisfied, and praiſe the name of the Lord.

The XXVIII. Legacy.

If thou wanteſt wiſdom

WHEN thou ſeeſt thy want of wiſdom makes thee not walk like a Chriſtian, ſo unblamably as thou oughteſt, apply, Jam. i. 5. If any of you lack wiſdom, let him aſk of God that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it ſhall be given him.

When thou findeſt thou wanteſt wiſdom to improve thine afflictions to the beſt advantage, or for the ordering of thy actions, occaſions, and courſe of life, to God's glory and the good of others, and thyſelf, then fail not to aſk wiſdom, and doubt not of the obtaining of it.

The XXIX. Legacy.

If thou canſt not underſtand God's voice.

WHEN thou canſt not underſtand the voice of God in his word or works, not knowing what to learn by them, apply, Iſa. xxxv. 5. The ears of the deaf ſhall be unſtopped. That is, thoſe that were deaf, not underſtanding any thing, ſhall be made to hear, that is, to underſtand.

John x. 16. Other ſheep I have, which are not of this fold, them alſo I muſt bring, and they ſhall hear my voice Which is a promiſe to the Gentiles, that they ſhall underſtand the voice of God.

The XXX. Legacy.

If thou canſt not ſee into the myſteries of the goſpel

IF thou canſt not ſee into the divine myſteries of the goſpel, apply, Iſa. xxxv. 5. The eyes of the blind ſhall be opened. Iſa. xlii. 7. He ſhall open the eyes of the blind. Luke iv. 18. He hath ſent me to recover ſight to the blind.

Theſe places are what Chriſt will do to his people, therefore we need not fear our diſeaſe, ſeeing Chriſt is our Phyſician. If every creature do that for which it was ordained, then he will ſurely do that which he was ſent to do of the father, to give ſight to the blind.

The XXXI. Legacy.

If thou ſeeſt a good way and haſt no power to walk in it.

WHEN thou ſeeſt a good way, and haſt no power to walk in it, or art to perform any duty, ordinary or extraordinary, and feeleſt no ſtrength to walk in that way, apply, Ezek. xxxvi. 27. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cauſe you to walk in my ſtatutes, and ye ſhall keep my judgements and do them.

When thou lookeſt at the greatneſs of the duty which God commands, look alſo at the largeneſs of his promiſes for the keeping of them, and then thou wilt not be diſcouraged at it. What matters it what he commands, ſeeing we have his promiſe.

If thou feareſt the ſtrickneſs of thy ways that thou ſhalt not be able to walk in them, though thou ſtep into them ſometimes, ſtrengthen thy faith in this promiſe; 'I 'will give thee my ſpirit to cauſe thee to 'walk in my ways? Can ſin or Satan then reſiſt? nay, ſurely the ſpirit is ſtronger; and greater is he that is in us, than thoſe that are againſt us. And when we ſee great duties which God commands, and fear we ſhall want ſtrength to do them, apply, he hath ſaid, You ſhall keep my judgements and do them.

Iſa. xl. 31. 'They ſhall run, and not be 'weary; and they ſhall walk and not be

'faint.' That is, thoſe which of themſelves could not ſtep one ſtep, ſhall be able to run ſwiftly in the ways of God.

The XXXII. Legacy

If thou wanteſt memory.

WHEN thou wanteſt memory to remember the word of God, apply, John xiv. 26. 'But the Comforter which 'is the Holy Ghoſt, whom the Father will 'ſend in my name, he ſhall teach you all 'things, and bring all things to your re-'membrance, whatſoever I have ſaid unto 'you.'

The XXXIII. Legacy.

When thou ſeeſt thine own Ignorance.

WHEN thou ſeeſt thine ignorance, and feareſt thou ſhalt not be able to glorify God as thou mighteſt, if thou hadſt more knowledge, ſtir up thyſelf to deſire, and apply, Jer. xxxi. 33, 34. 'Thus 'ſaith the Lord, I will put my law in their 'inward parts, and write it in their hearts, 'and they ſhall all know me, ſaith the 'Lord, from the greateſt to the leaſt, Hoſ. ii. 20. 'Thou ſhalt know the Lord.' Prov. i. 23. 'I will pour out my ſpirit unto you 'I will make known my words unto 'you.'

Pſal. xxv. 9, 12, 14. 'The meek will he 'guide in judgement: and the meek will

'he teach his way. What man is he that 'feareth the Lord? him ſhall he teach in the 'way that he ſhall chooſe. The ſecret of the 'Lord is with them that fear him: and he 'will ſhew them his covenant.'

Prov. ii. 4, 9, 11, 12, 13. If thou ſeekeſt her as ſilver, and ſearch for her as for treaſures: then ſhalt thou underſtand righteouſneſs, and judgement, and equity, yea every good path. Diſcretion ſhall preſerve thee, underſtanding ſhall keep thee, to deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that ſpeaketh froward things: who leave the paths of uprightneſs, to walk in the ways of darkneſs. Iſa. xi. 9. The earth ſhall be full of the knowledge of the Lord. Prov. viii. 17. Thoſe that ſeek me early ſhall find me. Iſa. xxxv. 8. The fool ſhall not err. John viii. 17. If any man will do his will, he ſhall know of the doctrine whether it be of God, or whether I ſpeak of myſelf. Iſa xxxii. 3, 4. The eyes of them that ſee, ſhall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear ſhall hearken. The heart alſo of the raſh ſhall underſtand knowledge.

When thou thinkeſt of the great myſtery of God manifeſt in the fleſh, and of one divine eſſence, and three perſons, and ſeeſt thy own inability to conceive of this great God, apply, They ſhall all know the Lord, the heart of the fools ſhall underſtand.

When we fear God will not reveal his will to us, apply, I will pour out my mind

to you. He will teach the humble his ways. He will teach him the way he ſhall chooſe.

If thou feareſt that though God reveal his will, yet thy ignorance is ſuch, as thou ſhalt not be able to underſtand it, apply, I will cauſe you to underſtand. Thou ſhalt underſtand judgement, righteouſneſs, equity, and every good path.

If thou feareſt men will draw thee away to error, apply, Counſel ſhall preſerve thee, and underſtanding ſhall keep thee, and deliver thee from the evil way, and from the man that ſpeaketh froward things, and from them that leave the ways of righteouſneſs, to walk in the ways of darkneſs. The Fool ſhall not err. He ſhall know the doctrine, whether it be of God.

The XXXIV. Legacy.

If thou deſireſt grace and art not ſatisfied.

IF thou deſireſt grace, and thy deſires are not ſatisfied, apply, Pſal. xxxv. 7. delight thyſelf alſo in the Lord, and he ſhall give thee the deſires of thy heart.

Pſal. cxlv. 19. He will fulfil the deſires of them that fear him.

Pſal. lxxxi. 10. Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

Mat. v. 6. Bleſſed are they which do hunger and thirſt after righteouſneſs, for they ſhall be filled.

Prov. x. 24. The deſire of the righteous ſhall be granted.

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Feareſt thou that if he give grace it will be but a little? apply, Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. Thou ſhalt be filled.

Iſa. xxx. 28. Bleſſed are all they which wait for him. He will certainly have mercy upon thee at the voice of the cry, when he heareth he will anſwer.

When thou beginneſt to faint with waiting, apply, He will certainly have mercy upon thee.

The XXXV. Legacy.

If thine heart be dead.

WHEN thou feeleſt thy heart dead, that it will not ſtir to God or goodneſs, apply, Pſal. xxii. 26. Your heart ſhall live for ever.

Prov. iii. 21, 22. Keep ſound wiſdom and diſcretion, ſo ſhall they be life unto thy ſoul. Iſa. lvii. 15. I dwell in the high and holy place, with him alſo that is of a contrite and humble ſpirit, to revive the ſpirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of contrite ones.

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The XXXVI. Legacy.

If thou feareſt falling away.

WHEN thou feareſt thou ſhalt fall away, and beginneſt to decline, apply, 1 Cor. i. 8. "Chriſt ſhall alſo confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameleſs in the day of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. Pſal. xvi. 8. I have ſet the Lord always before me: becauſe he is at my right hand, I ſhall not be moved, Pſal. cxlv. 14. The Lord upholdeth all that fall: and raiſeth up all thoſe that be bowed down, Pſal. xci. 12, 14. The righteous ſhall flouriſh like the palm tree. He ſhall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They ſhall ſtill bring forth fruit in old age; they ſhall be fat and flouriſhing, Pſal. i. 13. And he ſhall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his ſeaſon: his leaf alſo ſhall not wither. Pſal. xxxi. 24. He ſhall eſtabliſh thine heart. Job xi. 15, 27. Thou ſhalt be ſteadfaſt, thine age ſhall be clearer than the noon-day, thou ſhalt ſhine forth, thou ſhalt be as the morning. Jud. v. 31. They that love the Lord ſhall be as the ſun, when he goeth forth in his might." Now we ſee

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that nothing can hinder the ſun in his might, but it chaſeth away the darkneſs and clouds before it, and ceaſeth not till he hath run his race: ſo ſhall the child of God, for the Lord hath ſaid it, we need not doubt of it. If thou feareſt thine own weakneſs, and the power of temptation, with the ſubtilty of Satan, apply, That God whoſe power and wiſdom over-reacheth all other, hath ſaid, "He will confirm you to the end. He ſhall eſtabliſh thine heart, thy leaf ſhall not fade." Art thou hard purſued by ſin and Satan? apply, that God whoſe power and wiſdom over-reacheth all, he hath ſaid, "He will eſtabliſh thee." If thou be ready to fall and faint, apply, "The Lord upholdeth all them that fall, and lifteth up all them that are ready to fall: thou ſhalt not ſlide." If thou feareſt that thou be kept from ſin, yet thy graces ſhall decay, apply, "The righteous ſhall flouriſh as a palm tree, and ſhall grow as a cedar in Lebanon. They ſhall bring forth fruit in their old age; they ſhall be fat and flouriſhing; thou ſhalt bring forth fruit in ſeaſon: thou ſhalt be ſtable, thine age ſhall appear more clear than noon-day. Thou ſhalt ſhine as the morning."

The XXXVII. Legacy.

If thou art fallen.

WHEN we are fallen, and fear the Lord will leave us ſo, then apply, Pſal. lv.

22. "Caſt thy burden upon the Lord, and he ſhall ſuſtain thee: he ſhall never ſuffer the righteous to be moved."

Pſal. xxxvii. 24, 28. "Though he fall, he ſhall not be utterly caſt down, for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand. For the Lord loveth judgement, and forſaketh not his ſaints; they are preſerved for ever."

Jer. xxxii. 40. "I will put my fear in their hearts, that they ſhall not depart from me." When thou art fallen, and feeleſt a great load of ſin or miſery upon thee, and no power to unload thyſelf, thy graces ſo weak that they will not help thee, and therefore thou thinkeſt thy ſtate deſperate, apply, Though he fall, he ſhall not be caſt off, for the Lord putteth under his hand. Therefore, though ſin and miſery be never ſo heavy to preſs thee down, yet that powerful hand of God, when thou art at the loweſt, being under thee, ſhall eaſily lift thee up; thou haſt his promiſe, He will not ſuffer thee to fall for ever.

The XXXVIII. Legacy.

When the Lord hath forſaken thee.

WHEN the Lord hath forſaken thee in thine own feeling, and thou feareſt he will not return again, apply, Iſa. liv. 7, 8, 9, 10. "For a ſmall moment have I forſaken thee: but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my

face from thee for a moment; but with everlaſting kindneſs will I have mercy on thee, ſaith the Lord thy Redeemer. For this is as the waters of Noah unto me; for as I have ſworn that the waters of Noah ſhall no more go over the earth, ſo have I ſworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. For the mountains ſhall depart, and the hills ſhall be removed; but my kindneſs ſhall not depart from thee; neither ſhall the covenant of my peace be removed, ſaith the Lord that hath mercy on thee."

Gen. xvii. 7. "I will eſtabliſh my covenant betwixt thee and me, an everlaſting covenant to be a God unto thee."

Deut. xxxi. 8. "I will be with thee, I will not fail thee, neither forſake thee, fear not, neither be diſmayed."

1 Kings vi. 13. "I will not forſake my people."

2 Chron. xv. 2. "The Lord is with you while you be with him."

Job viii. 20. "Behold God will not caſt away a perfect man."

Job xxxvi. 5. "Behold God is mighty, and deſpiſeth not any."

Hoſ. ii. 19, 20. "I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea I will betroth thee unto me in righteouſneſs, and in judgement, and in loving kindneſs, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulneſs."

The XXXIX. LEGACY.

When thou feeleſt thy vileneſs.

WHEN thou feeleſt thy vileneſs, and feareſt the Lord will loathe thee for it, apply, Lev. xxvi. 11. "My ſoul ſhall not abhor you."

Hoſ. xiv. 4. "I will love them freely, for mine anger is turned away from them."

Deut. vii. 13. "I will love thee."

John xiv. 21, 23. "He that loveth me ſhall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifeſt myſelf to him; my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

Jer. xxxii. 41. "I will rejoice over them to do them good."

When thou ſeeſt a multitude of ſins, ſo that thou ſeemeſt moſt loathſome, apply, "My ſoul ſhall not loathe you.

When thou ſeeſt nothing in thyſelf that ſhould move him to love thee, but all to the contrary, apply, "I will love them freely."

If thou feareſt thy many ſins will cauſe the Lord not to delight in thee, apply, "I will delight in thee."

If thou feareſt thy ſin will cauſe the Lord to hide himſelf from thee, apply, "I will ſhew my own ſelf unto him."

The XL. Legacy.

When thou feeleſt thy ſpiritual poverty.

WHEN thou feeleſt thy ſpiritual poverty, apply, Mat. v. 3. "Bleſſed are the poor in ſpirit, for their's is the kingdom of heaven."

Iſa. lxvi. 2. "To him will I look ſaith the Lord, that is poor and of a contrite ſpirit, and trembleth at my words."

When thou feeleſt thy ſins many, and thy graces very little, and therefore feareſt that ſuch a miſerable creature as thou art, ſhall not inherit heaven, apply, "Bleſſed are the poor in ſpirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

If thou feareſt the Lord will not look upon thee, apply, "To him will I look, ſaith the Lord, that is of a contrite ſpirit."

The XLI. Legacy.

When thou art in a ſtrait.

WHEN thou art in a ſtrait, and knoweſt not what to chooſe, either in ſome truth, or in ſomething to be done, apply, Pſal. xxv. 22. "Him ſhall he teach in the way that he ſhall chooſe. Verſe 13. His ſoul ſhall dwell at eaſe."

Prov. iii. 6. "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he ſhall direct thy paths."

Prov. xvi. 3. "Commit thy works unto

the Lord, and thy thoughts ſhall be eſtabliſhed."

Iſa. xxx. 21. "And thine ear ſhall hear a word behind thee, ſaying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left."

Iſa. lviii. 11. "The Lord ſhall guide thee continually."

Iſa. lxvi. 8. "I will direct their work in truth."

Jer. xxxi. 9. "I will cauſe them to walk by the rivers of waters, in a ſtreight way wherein they ſhall not ſtumble."

When thou doubteſt of ſome truth, apply, "He ſhall teach him the way that he ſhall chooſe, his ſoul ſhall dwell at eaſe. Thine ears ſhall hear a voice behind thee, ſaying, This is the way, walk in it. I will direct thy way in truth."

When thou art thinking what courſe to take, and feareſt thou ſhalt not know what the Lord would have thee to do, apply, "Thy thoughts ſhall be directed, he ſhall direct thy ways."

When thou feareſt thy weakneſs will at ſometimes carry thee aſtray, apply, "The Lord will guide thee continually, the Lord will lead thee in a ſtreight way, that thou ſhalt not ſtumble."

The XLII. Legacy.

If thou feareſt Satan will cauſe thee to fall.

WHEN thou feareſt that Satan by his power and ſubtilty will cauſe thee to fall, and art troubled with his temptations, apply, Gen. iii. 15. "He ſhall bruiſe his head." Therefore fear not, for Chriſt hath overthrown all his power and ſubtilty that he cannot do us any harm. Pſal. xix. 3, 4. "Surely he ſhall deliver thee from the ſnare of the fowler He ſhall cover thee with his feathers: And under his wings ſhalt thou truſt: His truth ſhall be thy ſhield and buckler."

Rom. vi. 20. "The God of peace ſhall bruiſe Satan under your feet ſhortly."

Doth Satan preſs thee with ſtrong temptations, and feareſt thou his power? apply, "He ſhall bruiſe his head. He will cover thee under his wings, and thou ſhalt be ſafe under his feathers, his ſtrength ſhall be thy buckler."

Feareſt thou his ſubtilty? apply, "He ſhall deliver thee from the ſnare of the fowler, and bruiſe his head," wherein lies all his powers and plots.

The XLIII. Legacy.

If thou canſt not profit well by the word of God.

WHEN thou canſt not profit by the word of God, or his works of mer-

cy, or afflictions, apply, Iſa. xlviii. 17. "I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee to the way that thou ſhouldeſt go."

Mat. xxiii. 41. "The kingdom of God ſhall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof."

This is a promiſe, that the Gentiles ſhall bring forth the fruits of the goſpel; therefore every believing Gentile may apply it.

The XLIV. Legacy.

If thou findeſt thyſelf unlike God's people.

WHEN thou findeſt thyſelf not like the people of God either in heart or life, apply, Jer. xxxii. 39. "I will give them one heart and one way."

When thou ſeeſt thine heart not like the people of God, either in their affection to God, or his people, or ordinances, or in their ſorrowing for ſin, apply, "I will give them one heart."

When thou ſeeſt thy life and converſation not ſo holy as the people of God, apply, "I will give them one way."

The XLV. Legacy.

If thou wouldeſt have God's bleſſing reſt upon thee.

IF thou wouldeſt have the bleſſing of the Lord to reſt upon thee, apply, Pſal. v. 12. "The Lord will bleſs the righteous."

Deut. vii. 13. "I will bleſs thee."

Pſal. iii. 8. "Thy bleſſing is upon thy people."

Pſal. xxiv. 5. "He ſhall receive the bleſſing from the Lord, and righteouſneſs from the God of his ſalvation."

Pſal. cxv. 12, 13. "The Lord will bleſs us, he will bleſs the houſe of Aaron. He will bleſs them that fear the Lord, both ſmall and great."

The XLVI. Legacy.

If thou wouldeſt be a bleſſing in thy place.

IF thou wouldeſt be a bleſſing in thy place, apply, Gen. xii. 2. "I will bleſs thee, and thou ſhalt be a bleſſing, Ezek. xxxiv. 25. "I will make them about my hill a bleſſing."

The XLVII. Legacy.

If thou ſeparateſt from the wicked in their corrupt worſhip.

WHEN thou ſeparateſt thyſelf from the wicked in their corrupt worſhip and manners, apply, 2 Cor. vi. 16, 17, 18. "I will dwell in them and walk in them, and I will be their God, and they ſhall be my people: wherefore come out from among them, and be ye ſeparate, ſaith the Lord; and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you; and I will be a fa-

ther unto you; and ye ſhall be my ſons and daughters, ſaith the Lord Almighty.

Thus far of grace; the next promiſes are about the means of grace, either ordinary, or extraordinary.

The XLVIII. Legacy.

A promiſe to be applied in every ordinance.

IN every ordinance thou mayeſt apply this promiſe, Iſa. xii. 3. "With joy ſhall you draw water out of the wells of ſalvation." Now in that it is ſaid, out of the wells of ſalvation, and not well, I think we ought to apply it to every ordinance of God, ſo as we are to uſe them with a comfortable perſuaſion, that we ſhall receive abundance of grace from them. As the Lord promiſeth that we ſhall draw waters from out of them, we ſhall not only uſe them, but draw from them with joy. Therefore, when we pray, meditate, hear, confer, faſt in every duty, apply this promiſe, and you ſhall find him faithful which promiſeth.

The XLIX. Legacy.

When thou prayeſt.

WHEN thou prayeſt, apply theſe promiſes for the ſtrengthening of thy faith, and for thy hearing, Matth. vii. 7. "Aſk and it ſhall be given you, ſeek and you ſhall find, knock, and it ſhall be opened unto you."

Mat. vi. 6. "Pray to thy Father which ſeeth in ſecret, and thy Father which ſeeth in ſecret ſhall reward thee openly."

Mat. xxi. 22. "And all things whatſoever ye ſhall aſk in prayer, believing, ye ſhall receive."

John xiv. 13, 14. "Whatſoever ye ſhall aſk in my name, I will do it."

John xvi. 24. "Aſk and ye ſhall receive, that your joy may be full."

John xv. 7. "Aſk what ye will, and it ſhall be done unto you."

Iſa. lxv. 24. "Before they call, I will anſwer; and while they are yet ſpeaking, I will hear."

Job xxii. 7. "Thou ſhalt make thy prayers unto him, and he ſhall hear thee, and if thou ſeek him he will be found."

The L. Legacy.

When thou meditateſt.

WHEN thou meditateſt, apply theſe promiſes, Prov. xiv. 22. "Mercy and truth ſhall be to them that deviſe good."

Pſal. ciii. 17, 18. "The loving kindneſs of the Lord endureth for ever, to them which think upon his commandments to do them."

Phil. iv. 8, 9. "Think on theſe things which ye have both learned and received, and heard, and ſeen in me, and the God of peace ſhall be with you."

If thou deſireſt mercy or the truth of God to be for thy good, or the loving kindneſs of the Lord to be for ever towards thee, and that God which brings peace with him, to be with thee, then meditate on good things, and with ſuch a meditation as may ſtir thee up to practiſe, and then all theſe promiſes ſhall ſurely be performed to thee. And becauſe meditation is an hard duty, therefore encourage thyſelf to it by the benefit it brings, and it being a way of God, he will give thee his ſpirit to cauſe thee to walk in it.

The LI. Legacy.

In meditating, conferring, and reading God's word.

IN meditating, conferring, and reading of the word of God, apply, Joſh. i. 8. "Let not this book of the law depart out of thy mouth, but meditate therein day and night, that thou mayeſt obſerve to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou ſhalt make thy way proſperous, and then thou ſhalt have good ſucceſs.

The LII. Legacy.

In reading of the word, if thou underſtandeſt not.

IN reading of the word, if we underſtand not, apply theſe promiſes, Prov. i. 23. "I will pour out my ſpirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

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John xv. 7. "Aſk what ye will, and it ſhall be done unto you."

Iſa. lxv. 24. "Before they call, I will anſwer; and while they are yet ſpeaking, I will hear."

Job xxii. 7. "Thou ſhalt make thy prayers unto him, and he ſhall hear thee, and if thou ſeek him he will be found."

The L. Legacy.

When thou meditateſt.

WHEN thou meditateſt, apply theſe promiſes, Prov. xiv. 22. "Mercy and truth ſhall be to them that deviſe good."

Pſal. ciii. 17, 18. "The loving kindneſs of the Lord endureth for ever, to them which think upon his commandments to do them."

Phil. iv. 8, 9. "Think on theſe things which ye have both learned and received, and heard, and ſeen in me, and the God of peace ſhall be with you."

If thou deſireſt mercy or the truth of God to be for thy good, or the loving kindneſs of the Lord to be for ever towards thee, and that God which brings peace with him, to be with thee, then meditate on good things, and with ſuch a meditation as may ſtir thee up to practiſe, and then all theſe promiſes ſhall ſurely be performed to thee. And becauſe meditation is an hard duty, therefore encourage thyſelf to it by the benefit it brings, and it being a way of God, he will give thee his ſpirit to cauſe thee to walk in it.

The LI. Legacy.

In meditating, conferring, and reading God's word.

IN meditating, conferring, and reading of the word of God, apply, Joſh. i. 8. "Let not this book of the law depart out of thy mouth, but meditate therein day and night, that thou mayeſt obſerve to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou ſhalt make thy way proſperous, and then thou ſhalt have good ſucceſs.

The LII. Legacy.

In reading of the word, if thou underſtandeſt not.

IN reading of the word, if we underſtand not, apply theſe promiſes, Prov. i. 23. "I will pour out my ſpirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

Prov. i. 4. " It gives ſubtilty to the ſimple, to the young man knowledge and diſcretion.

Pſal. xix. 8. " The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightning the eyes."

The LIII. Legacy.

If thou canſt not confer.

WHEN thou canſt not ſpeak in conference to edification, but feeleſt thine heart ſhut up, then apply, John vii. 38. " He that believeth on me, out of his belly ſhall flow rivers of living water."

Prov. x. 31. " The mouth of the juſt bringeth forth wiſdom."

Prov. xii. 14. " A man ſhall be ſatisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth."

Iſa. xxxii. 4. " The tongue of the ſtammerers ſhall be ready to ſpeak plainly."

Iſa. xxxv. 6. " The dumb man's tongue ſhall ſing."

When thou art with the people of God, that thou mayeſt receive good from them, and do them good, apply, Prov. xiii. 20. " He that walketh with wiſe men ſhall be wiſe. So apply, Prov. xii. 14. John vii. 38. Ezek. xlvii. 12. " His fruit ſhall be meat, and his leaves medicine.

If thou findeſt thy ſoul ſtand in need of wiſdom, keep company with the people of God which are the only wiſe people, and then thou haſt the only ſure promiſes of the

Lord, thou ſhalt be wiſe. If thou hungereſt after good, reſort to the righteous, and thou ſhalt be ſatisfied with good things. If thou feel thyſelf dead, apply, "Out of him ſhall flow rivers of water of life, for thy quickning." If thy ſoul be faint or ſick, apply, "His fruit ſhall be meat, and his leaves medicine." Let all this good which is gotten by their fellowſhip, cauſe thee to delight in them, and take heed of forſaking the fellowſhip of the ſaints.

When thou goeſt into company, apply, theſe promiſes to thyſelf, that thou mayeſt be ſo to others, and hinder not thyſelf, by unbelief.

The LIV. Legacy.

When thou art to go to the Aſſemblies.

WHEN thou art to go to the Aſſemblies, to participate in the ordinances, apply, "In places where I record my name, I will come to thee and bleſs thee." If thou wanteſt the Lord or his bleſſing; go to his houſe, and thou ſhalt find him, Pſal. xxxvi. 8, 9. "They ſhall be abundantly ſatisfied with the fatneſs of thine houſe, and thou ſhalt make them drink of the river of thy pleaſures. For with thee is the fountain of life, and in thy light ſhall we ſee light, Pſal. lxv. 4. We ſhall be ſatisfied with the goodneſs of thy houſe, even of thine holy temple. Pſal. lxxxiii. 11. The Lord God.

is a ſun and ſhield, the Lord will give grace and glory, and no good thing will he withhold, Pſal. xcii. 13, 14. Thoſe that be planted in the houſe of the Lord, ſhall flouriſh in the courts of our God. They ſhall ſtill bring forth fruit in their old age: they ſhall be fat and flouriſhing, Pſal. cxxviii. 5. The Lord ſhall bleſs thee out of Zion. Iſa. xxv. 6, 7, 8. In this mountain ſhall the Lord of hoſts make unto all people a feaſt of fat things, a feaſt of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined." Therefore when his ordinances are corrupted with men's inventions, then thou mayeſt preſs him with this promiſe, that he will give us wine refined and purified, even his pureſt ordinances and moſt comfortable to our hearts, as wine is. And when there is little nouriſhment, becauſe their gifts are weak, urge him with this that he hath promiſed to make us a feaſt of fat things full of marrow; for I take this promiſe to be meant of the churches after Chriſt, v. 7. "And he will deſtroy in this mountain the face of the covering caſt over all people, and the veil that is ſpread over all nations." Thy ſins that are too ſtrong for thee, bring them to the Lord in his ordinances and he will deſtroy them, though thou ſeem to be covered with them, and they ſpread as a veil upon thee, yet believe his promiſes, and all things ſhall be poſſible unto thee, Iſa. lvii. 7. "I will make them

joyful in mine houſe of prayer, their ſacrifices ſhall be accepted at mine altar." God will both give to them, and accept from them their ſacrifices, as pleaſing to him, 2 Chron. xx. 20. "Believe his prophets, ſo ſhall ye proſper."

Prov. i. 5. "A wiſe man will hear, and will increaſe learning, and a man of underſtanding ſhall attain unto wiſe counſels, Prov. iv. 10, 12. Hear and receive my ſayings, and the years of thy life ſhall be many, when thou goeſt, thy ſteps ſhall not be ſtraitened, and when thou runneſt, thou ſhalt not ſtumble, Mark iv. 24. Unto you that have ſhall be more given, Iſa. lv. 3, 11, 12. "Incline your ears and come unto me, hear and your ſouls ſhall live, and I will make an everlaſting covenant with you, even the ſure mercies of David. My words ſhall accompliſh that which I pleaſe, and it ſhall proſper in the thing whereto I ſend it. Therefore ye ſhall go forth with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills ſhall break forth before you into ſinging, and all the trees of the field ſhall clap their hands, v. 13. Inſtead of the thorn ſhall come up the fir-tree, and inſtead of the briar ſhall come up the myrtle-tree." This force ſhall the word have in thine heart for planting of grace, and deſtroying of ſin.

Hoſ. xiv. 7. "They that dwell under his ſhadow ſhall return, they ſhall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine, the ſcent thereof

ſhall be as the vine in Lebanon." If thou wouldſt return apply this, "he ſhall return." If thou art decayed, apply this; "They ſhall revive as the corn." If thou wouldſt flouriſh in grace, apply, "They ſhall flouriſh as the vine." If thou wouldſt be a ſweet ſmelling ſavour in all places, apply, "The ſcent thereof ſhall be as the vine of Lebanon." Seeing all theſe good things come from the powerful ordinances of the Lord, let us give him no reſt, till he beſtow theſe bleſſings upon us; when the paſtor of the people pronounceth the bleſſing, apply this promiſe, Numb. vi. 27. "I will bleſs thee."

The LV. Legacy.

Wouldſt thou enjoy the ordinances of God, and a bleſſing upon them.

WOULDEST thou enjoy the ordinances of God, and a bleſſing upon them? apply, Jer. xxxi. 14. "I will ſatiate the ſouls of the prieſts with fatneſs, and my people ſhall be ſatisfied with goodneſs."

Jer. iii. 15. "I will give you paſtors according to mine heart, which ſhall feed you with knowledge and underſtanding."

Ezek. xxxiv. 26, 27. "And I will make them and the places round about my hill a bleſſing, and I will cauſe the ſhower to come down in his ſeaſon: there ſhall be ſhowers of bleſſing. And the tree of the field ſhall yield her increaſe, and the field ſhall yield her fruit.

The promiſes are both for paſtor and people: the paſtor ſhall be able to teach with knowledge and underſtanding, his ſoul ſhall be repleniſhed with fatneis, his teaching ſhall be as ſeaſonable ſhowers of bleſſing, that ſhall make the people fruitful. The people muſt apply theſe promiſes, firſt that God would give them able teachers, and that they may find their miniſtry bleſſed unto them according to theſe promiſes. That they may be fed with knowledge and underſtanding, that they may be ſatisfied with goodneſs, and that their teaching may be ſeaſonable ſhowers of bleſſing to make them fruitful, as it is promiſed, that the trees ſhall yield their fruit. How much are God's ordinances to be deſired, by which he doth convey ſo many bleſſings unto his people? Let us give him no reſt, till he furniſh Jeruſalem with all her ordinances and officers.

The LVI. Legacy.

If thou enjoyeſt grace, or means of grace.

IF thou enjoyeſt glorious graces, or means of grace, and feareſt the loſing of them apply, Iſa. iv. 5, 6. "Upon all the glory ſhall be a defence. And there ſhall be a tabernacle for a ſhadow in the day-time from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from the ſtorm, and from rain."

Isa. xxvii. 3. "I the Lord do keep it, I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.

Isa. xxxiii. 16. "His place of defence shall be the munition of rocks, bread shall be given him, his waters shall be sure.

Hast thou any glorious grace, or means of grace? Arm thyself with the power of God in his promises, for the devil will use all his forces and subtilty, to deprive thee of them. Hast thou a glorious minister, and pure ordinance, or glorious graces begin to spring in thine heart, and seest no means to defend them? apply, "Upon all thy glory he shall be a defence. His defence shall be a munition of rocks." Seest thou an heart of sin in thyself, or the rage of the wicked, that causeth thee to fear the loss of them? apply, "There shall be a covering for a shadow in the day from the heat." Doth the devil raise up storms? inwardly persecutions? apply, "The defence and covering shall be a place of refuge, and covert for the storm, and for the rain. Fearest thou the subtilty of thine enemies, that unawares, when thou thinkest not on them, they will surprise thee and steal thy blessing from thee? apply, "I the Lord will keep it night and day." If thou fearest God will not continue thus to thee, apply, "I will water it every moment;" not one moment, but he will be adding and nourishing: "Bread shall be given him, and his waters shall be sure."

The LVII. Legacy.

When thou art baniſhed from God's Ordinances.

WHEN thou art baniſhed from God's ordinances, apply theſe promiſes for thy return, Iſa. xxxv. 10. "The ranſomed of the Lord ſhall return and come to Zion with ſongs, and everlaſting joy upon their heads: they ſhall obtain joy and gladneſs, and ſorrow and ſighing ſhall fly away. Jer. iii. 14. And I will bring you to Zion. Deut. xxx. 4. If any of thine be driven out to the utmoſt parts of heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee. Ezek. xxxiv. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16. "Behold, I, even I will both ſearch my ſheep and ſeek them out. As a ſhepherd ſeeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his ſheep that are ſcattered: ſo will I ſeek out my ſheep, and will deliver them out of all places, where they have been ſcattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Iſrael, by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country: I will feed them in a good paſture, and on the high mountains of Iſrael ſhall their fold be: there ſhall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat paſture ſhall they feed upon the moun-

tains of Iſrael. I will feed my flock, and I will cauſe them to lie down ſaith the Lord God. I will ſeek that which was loſt, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will ſtrengthen that which was ſick."

If thou mourneſt for God's ordinances, apply, "Thou ſhalt not only return to Zion but return with joy, and ſorrow ſhall fly away." If thou art but one amongſt many which deſireſt it, and feareſt thou ſhalt be left among them, apply, "I will take you one of a city and two of a tribe." though thou art but one of a city that returneth to the Lord, he will bring thee to Zion from all the reſt. If thou art far removed from all means, and the Lord hath done it for thy ſin, apply, "Though thou wert caſt into the outmoſt part of heaven, thence will the Lord gather thee; and from thence will he take thee; he will deliver thee from all places where they have been ſcattered in the cloudy and dark day, and will feed them in good paſtures, and will bring them to reſt.

The LVIII. Legacy.

Whilſt thou art baniſhed from God's houſe.

WHILST thou art baniſhed from God's houſe apply, Ezek. xi. 16. "I will be unto them as a little ſanctuary in the countries where they ſhall come."

Iſa. xl. 11. "He ſhall feed his flock, like a ſhepherd, he ſhall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his boſom, and ſhall gently lead thoſe that are with young."

In baniſhment, at thoſe hours when thy ſoul was wont to be refreſhed in the ſanctuary of God on the Sabbath, and at other times when thou findeſt thyſelf to ſtand in need either of defence, or nouriſhment, apply, "I will be a ſanctuary unto you. He ſhall feed his flock as a ſhepherd." If in this time thou feeleſt thyſelf very weak, apply, "He ſhall gather his lambs in his arms, and carry them in his boſom, and guide them that are with young:" they cannot miſcarry that are ſhut up in the boſom of God, nor fear who are guided by him. Therefore though we be never ſo weak in ourſelves, yet here is our comfort, we are ſafe in our God: O happy people, ſaved by the Lord.

The LIX. Legacy.

When wicked ſhepherds are over us.

WHEN wicked ſhepherds are over us, then apply, Ezek. xxxiv. 10. "Thus ſaith the Lord God, behold I am againſt the ſhepherds, and I will require my flock at their hands, and cauſe them to ceaſe from feeding the flock: neither ſhall the ſhepherds feed themſelves any more: for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them, v. 21, 22.

Becauſe ye have thruſt with ſide, and with ſhoulder, and puſhed all the diſeaſed with your horns, till ye have ſcattered them abroad. Therefore will I ſave my flock, and they ſhall no more be a prey, and I will cauſe the wild beaſts to ceaſe out of the land.

When the ſhepherds feed themſelves, and are ready to devour us, apply, "The ſhepherds ſhall not feed themſelves any more. I will deliver my ſheep from their mouths, they ſhall no more devour them.

When through their greatneſs and our weakneſs, they puſh us ſo with their horns, that we are ſcattered, both ſhepherd from people, and one from another, apply, "I will help my ſheep, and they ſhall no more be ſpoiled, I will cauſe the wild beaſts to ceaſe out of the land.

The LX. Legacy.

When through wicked ſhepherds thou art come to great miſery.

WHEN through evil ſhepherds we are come to great miſery apply, Ezek. xxxiv. 16. "I will ſeek that which was loſt and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will ſtrengthen that which was ſick. Iſa. xxx. 20 Though the Lord give you the bread of adverſity, and the water of affliction, yet ſhall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes ſhall ſee thy teachers." When

through evil ſhepherds thou art come to ſuch an eſtate as thou feeleſt thyſelf to have loſt God and goodneſs, and art driven away from all things that might help thee, apply, "I will ſeek that which was loſt, I will bring again that which was driven away." When thou art even broken with miſery, and grown very weak, apply "I will bind up that which was broken, and ſtrengthen that which was weak." When thy teachers which ſhould help thee in this eſtate, are forced to fly and hide themſelves, for fear of wicked ſhepherds, apply, "Thy teachers ſhall not be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes ſhall ſee thy teachers."

Thus far of the ordinances of God which are ordinary, now for the duty of faſting which is extraordinary.

The LXI. Legacy.

When thou ſetteſt thyſelf to faſt.

WHEN thou ſetteſt thyſelf to faſt, apply, Mat. vi. 18. "If thou faſt in ſecret, thy father which ſeeth in ſecret will reward thee openly."

James iv. 8, 10. "Draw nigh unto God, and he will draw nigh unto you. Humble yourſelves in the ſight of the Lord, and he ſhall lift you up."

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tion for well-doing, for all that will live godly muſt ſuffer perſecution: Therefore ſtrengthen thyſelf with theſe promiſes.

The LXII. Legacy.

If thou art railed upon for well-doing.

IF thou art railed upon for well-doing, apply, 1 Pet. iv. 14. 'If ye be reproached for the name of Chriſt, happy are ye, for the ſpirit of God, and of glory, reſteth upon you.'

Mat. v. 11, 12. 'Bleſſed are ye when men revile you, and perſecute you, and ſhall ſay all manner of evil againſt you falſely for my ſake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven: for ſo perſecuted they the prophets which were before you.'

The LXIII. Legacy.

If thou art perſecuted.

WHEN they perſecute thee any other ways even unto death, apply. Mat. x. 39. "He that loſeth his life for my ſake, ſhall find it, Mat. v. 10. "Bleſſed are they which are perſecuted for righteouſneſs ſake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." When ye loſe any earthly bleſſing for God's cauſe, apply, Mat. xix. 24. "Every one that hath forſaken houſes, or brethren, or ſiſters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children,

or lands for my name's ſake, ſhall receive an hundred fold, and ſhall inherit everlaſting life."

This is the greateſt (and yet lawful) uſury of all others, to part with one outward bleſſing, and to receive an hundred for it: to loſe a miſerable life, and to enjoy eternal life; to ſuffer a ſhort time, and to have a great reward in heaven; to be diſgraced, and to have the ſpirit of glory reſt upon us. Therefore when thou art railed upon, apply, "Bleſſed am I, the ſpirit of glory reſts upon me, therefore they cannot make me vile." Art thou any way perſecuted? apply, "Theirs is the kindom of heaven; great is your reward in heaven." Take they thy life? apply, "He that loſeth his life for my ſake ſhall find it." Take they away any earthly bleſſing? Thou ſhalt receive an hundred fold at this preſent; therefore if uſurers gladly let out their money, that hope to receive but eight in the hundred, be aſhamed of thyſelf, that thou ſhouldſt not give one for an hundred, when thou haſt the promiſe of him that never failed to perform.

The LXIV. LEGACY.

In partaking with God's people in ſuffering.

IN partaking with God's people in ſuffering, that thou mayeſt be partaker of their comforts, apply, 1 Cor. i. 6. "As

you are partakers of the ſufferings; ſo ſhall ye be alſo of the conſolation."

The LXV. Legacy.

When thou art called to defend the truth.

WHEN thou art called forth to defend the truth, apply, Mat. xix. 19. "When they deliver you up, take no thought how or what you ſhall ſpeak, for it ſhall be given you in that ſame hour what ye ſhall ſpeak." Luke xxi. 15. "I will give you a mouth and wiſdom which all your adverſaries ſhall not be able to gain-ſay or reſiſt. Mat. x. 32. "Whoſoever confeſſeth me before men, him will I confeſs before my heavenly father which is in heaven." When thou feareſt thou ſhalt not be able to ſpeak in defence of the truth, apply, "It ſhall be given thee, though thou haſt it not before, in that hour what thou ſhalt ſay." If thou feareſt the learning of thine adverſaries, and thine own ſimpleneſs, apply, "I will give thee not only a mouth, but alſo wiſdom, where-againſt they ſhall not be able to ſpeak." If thou want courage, embolden thyſelf with this, Chriſt will confeſs thee before his father.

The LXVI. Legacy.

If thou wouldſt bring forth ſeaſonable fruit for every eſtate.

IF thou would bring forth ſeaſonable fruit for every eſtate, and for every duty, apply, Pſal. i. 3. "Thou ſhalt be as a tree which bringeth forth his fruit in ſeaſon." Ezek. xlvii. 12. "He ſhall bring forth fruit according to his months." If thou art to ſpeak or pray, or do any duty; that thou mayeſt do it ſeaſonably, and have fitting words and thoughts, apply, "Thou ſhalt bring forth fruit in ſeaſon." So in every eſtate, proſperity or adverſity, that thou mayeſt bring forth the fruits of it, apply, "They ſhall bring forth fruit in ſeaſon according to their months."

Thus far about ſpiritual things. The next promiſes are about earthly things: And becauſe children are the moſt excellent, therefore I will begin with them.

The LXVII. Legacy.

If thou haſt children.

IF thou haſt children, apply, Pſal. cxii. 2. "His ſeed ſhall be mighty upon earth: The generation of the juſt ſhall be bleſſed." Deut. vii. 13. "He will bleſs the fruit of thy womb." Gen. xvii. 7. "I will eſtabliſh my covenant between me and thee, and thy ſeed after thee, in their generations for

an everlaſting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy ſeed after thee." Iſa. xliv. 3, 4. " I will pour out my ſpirit upon thy ſeed, and my bleſſing upon thine offspring; and they ſhall ſpring up as among the graſs, as willows by the water courſes." If thou deſireſt grace and God's bleſſing for thy children, apply, " I will pour my ſpirit and bleſſing upon thyſeed." If thou wouldſt have them grow up in it, apply, " They ſhall grow as among the graſs, and as the willows by the water courſes." If thou wouldſt have them in covenant with thyſelf, thy God to be theirs, apply, " I will make an everlaſting covenant with thee, to be a God to thee, and to thy ſeed after thee." Deſireſt thou outward things for them? apply, " His ſeed ſhall be mighty upon earth."

The LXVIII. Legacy.

If thou wanteſt children.

IF thou wanteſt children, apply, Deut. vii. 14. " Thou ſhalt be bleſſed above all people, there ſhall neither be male nor female barren among you." Deut. xxviii. 11. " The Lord ſhall make thee plentiful in the fruit of thy body." Pſal. cxxvii. 3. " Thy wife ſhall be as a fruitful vine by the ſide of thine houſe, thy children like olive plants round about thy table, Ver iv. 6. " Lo, thus ſhall the man be bleſſed that feareth the Lord. " Thou ſhalt ſee thy childrens children."

If thou haſt conceived, apply this promiſe for keeping of it, Exod. xxiii. 26. "There ſhall none caſt their young, nor be barren in thy land." This and all other promiſes of earthly things, are to be applied ſo far as is good for us: We are not to doubt of them.

The LXIX. Legacy.

If the Lord deny thee Children.

IF the Lord deny thee children, apply, Iſa. lvi. 5. "To them will I give in mine houſe, and within my walls a place, and a name better than of ſons and of daughters, I will give them an everlaſting name that ſhall not be cut off.

The LXX. Legacy.

If thou wouldſt have a comfortable and holy uſe of thy Habitation.

IF thou wouldſt have the comfortable and holy uſe of thine habitation, apply, Job v. 24. "Thou ſhalt know that thy tabernacle ſhall be in peace, and thou ſhalt viſit thine habitation, and not ſin."

Pſal. xci. 10. "There ſhall no evil befal thee, neither ſhall any plague come nigh thy dwelling." Prov. xiv. 11. the tabernacle of the upright ſhall flouriſh." Prov. xii. 7. The houſe of the righteous ſhall ſtand."

If thou wouldeſt proſper in thine houſe,

apply, "Peace ſhall be in it. No plague "ſhall come near it. It ſhall flouriſh." If thou wouldſt have it continue ſo, apply, "It ſhall ſtand." That they may not be a ſnare to thee, but that thou mayeſt uſe thy bleſſing and not ſin, apply, "Thou ſhalt viſit thy habitation, and not ſin."

The LXXI Legacy.

If thou wouldſt have thy going out, and coming in bleſſed.

IF thou wouldſt have thy coming in and going out bleſſed, apply, Deut. xxviii. 6. "Bleſſed ſhalt thou be when thou comeſt in, and bleſſed ſhalt thou be when thou goeſt out. Pſal. cxxi. 8. The Lord ſhall preſerve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore."

When thou goeſt out, if thou wouldſt have heavens and earth, and all creatures bleſſed to thee, and be made able to make the ſpiritual uſe of them, apply, "Bleſſed ſhalt thou be when thou goeſt out, and when thou comeſt in. The Lord ſhall preſerve thy going out and thy coming in." If thou would have the continuance of it, apply, "From this time forth for evermore."

The LXXII. Legacy.

When thou eateſt or enjoyeſt any bleſſing, that it may ſatisfy, and be ſanctified.

WHEN thou eateſt or enjoyeſt any bleſſing, that it may ſatisfy thee, and thou mayeſt have the ſanctified uſe of it, apply, Joel ii. 26. "Ye ſhall eat in plenty and be ſatisfied, and praiſe the name of the Lord our God."

That thy meat and outward bleſſings may give thee content, and ſatisfy thee, apply, "Thou ſhalt eat and be ſatisfied."

That thou mayeſt have the ſanctified uſe of it, apply, "Thou ſhalt praiſe the Lord."

The LXXIII. Legacy.

When thou takeſt thy reſt at night.

WHEN thou takeſt thy reſt at night, apply, Prov. iii. 24. "When thou lieſt down thou ſhalt not be afraid: Yea thou ſhalt lie down, and thy ſleep ſhall be ſweet."

Job. xi. 19. "Alſo thou ſhalt lie down and none ſhall make thee afraid."

If thou be troubled with fears of the night, apply, "Thou ſhalt not be afraid."

When thou takeſt thy reſt, apply, none ſhall make thee afraid."

If thou art troubled with any thing that breaks thy reſt, apply, "Thy reſt ſhall be ſweet."

The LXXIV. Legacy.

When thou putteſt thy Hand to any work.

WHEN thou putteſt thine hand to any work, that it may be bleſſed, apply, Deut. xxviii 12. "The Lord ſhall bleſs all the work of thine hand." Deut xxx. 9. "The Lord thy God will make thee plenteous in every work, of thine hand." The Lord will not only bleſs ſome of thy works, but every one; therefore in every work ſend upſhort prayers for the claiming of them, and ſo at our going out, and coming in, or ſleeping, renew theſe promiſes upon thyſelf, by faith applying them, and by prayer ſuing for them.

The LXXV. Legacy.

If thou wouldſt have thine outward bleſſings bleſſed.

IF thou wouldſt have thine outward bleſſings bleſſed of God, apply, Deut. xxviii. 4. 5. "Bleſſed ſhall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increaſe of thy kine and the flocks of thy ſheep. Bleſſed ſhall be thy baſket and thy ſtore." Deut. vii. 13, 14. The Lord will alſo bleſs the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thy oil, the increaſe of thy kine, and the flocks of thy ſheep. There ſhall be neither male nor female bar-

ren among you nor among your cattle." That thy goods and thine houſe may be bleſſed, apply, "Bleſſed ſhall be thy baſket and thy ſtore." If thou art in debt, apply Deut. xxviii. 12. "Thou ſhalt lend unto many, and ſhalt not borrow."

The LXXVI. Legacy

If thou deſireſt to enjoy the Labours of thine Hands.

IF thou deſireſt to enjoy the labours of thine hands, apply, Iſa. lxv. 21, 22, 23. 'They ſhall build houſes and inhabit them, they ſhall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them. They ſhall not build, and another inhabit; they ſhall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect ſhall long enjoy the works of their hands. They ſhall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble.' Pſal. cxxviii. 2. 'Thou ſhalt eat the labour of thine hand.'

The LXXVII. Legacy.

If thou art diligent in thy calling.

WHEN thou art diligent in thy calling apply, Prov. xii. 14, 24. 'The recompence of a man's hand ſhall be rendered unto him. The hand of the diligent ſhall bear rule." When thou enjoyeſt that thou haſt laboured for, apply, Pſal. cxxviii. 2. "Thou

ſhalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy ſhalt thou be, and it ſhall be well with thee."

The LXXVIII. Legacy.

When thou ſeeſt wicked Men follow unſatisfying things with reſtleſs deſires, and thou deſireſt content.

WHEN thou ſeeſt the wicked to be carried with reſtleſs deſires, hungering and thirſting after thoſe things which ſatisfy them not, and thou deſireſt content, apply, Iſa. lxv. 13, 14. "Thus ſaith the Lord, Behold my ſervants ſhall eat, but ye ſhall be hungry: behold my ſervants ſhall drink, but ye ſhall be thirſty: behold my ſervants ſhall rejoice, but ye ſhall be aſhamed: behold my ſervants ſhall ſing for joy of heart, but ye ſhall cry for ſorrow of heart, and howl for vexation of ſpirit."

The LXXIX. Legacy.

If thou feareſt thou ſhalt loſe by following the Lord.

IF thou feareſt thou ſhalt loſe by following the Lord, apply, Pſal. xxxvii. 9, 11, 18, 19, "Thoſe that wait upon the Lord ſhall inherit the earth, their inheritance ſhall be for ever: they ſhall not be aſhamed in the evil time; they ſhall inherit the earth, and delight themſelves in the abundance of

peace." Pſal. cxii. 3. "Wealth and riches ſhall be in his houſe." Job xxii. 23, 24. "Thou ſhalt be built up, thou ſhalt lay up gold as duſt, and the gold of Ophir as the ſtones of the brooks, verſe 25. Yea the Almighty ſhall be thy defence, and thou ſhalt have plenty of ſilver."

Gen. xv. 1. "I am thy exceeding great reward." Feareſt thou the loſs of thy land, apply, "Thou ſhalt inherit the earth, their inheritance ſhall be for ever. Thou ſhalt poſſeſs the earth." Do others trouble thee, apply, "They ſhall have their delight in the multitude of peace." Art thou poor or feareſt the loſs of thy goods? apply, "Riches and treaſure ſhall be in his houſe." Art thou oppreſſed by the wicked? apply, "The Almighty ſhall be thy defence."

The LXXX. Legacy.

When thou haſt loſt Beſſings by Sin.

WHEN thou haſt loſt bleſſings by ſin, apply theſe bleſſings for their recovery, Joel ii. 24, 25, 26. "The floors ſhall be full of wheat, and the fats ſhall overflow with wine and oil, and I will reſtore to you the years that the locuſt hath eaten, the canker worm, the caterpillar, and the palmer worm: and ye ſhall eat in plenty, and be ſatisfied, and praiſe the Lord." Deut. xxx. 5. "I will multiply you above your fathers."

The LXXXI. Legacy.

If thou feareſt the loſs of thy good name.

IF thou feareſt the loſs of thy good name, apply, Job v. 21. "Thou wilt be hid from the ſcourge of the tongue." Job xi. 15. "Thou ſhalt lift up thy face without ſpot. Pſal. xxxvii. 6. He will bring forth thy righteouſneſs as the light, and thy judgement as the noon day, Prov. x. 7. The memory of the juſt is bleſſed."

Feareſt thou the wicked will take away thy good name? apply, "Thou ſhalt be hid from the ſcourge of the tongue." Caſt they blots upon thee? apply, "Thou ſhalt lift up thy face without ſpot." Seek they to darken the light of thy holy life? apply, "He ſhall bring forth thy righteouſneſs as the light, and thy judgement as the noon-day."

The LXXXII. Legacy.

If the world deſpiſe thee, &c.

IF the world deſpiſe thee, comfort thyſelf with theſe promiſes, Exod. xix. 5. "Ye ſhall be God's peculiar treaſure above all people, 1 Sam. iii. 30. Thoſe that honour me, will I honour ſaith the Lord. Pſal. xci. 14. I will ſet him on high, becauſe he hath known my name. Pſal. cxii. 9. His horn ſhall be exalted with honour. John xii. 26. If any man ſerve me, him will my Father

honour. Prov. iv. 7, 8, 9. Get Wiſdom, exalt her, and ſhe will promote thee; ſhe will bring thee to honour when thou doſt embrace her; ſhe will give to thine head an ornament of grace, a crown of glory will ſhe deliver to thee."

When the world counts thee as the offſcouring of the world, vile, nought worth; apply, "He will be God's chief treaſure, above all people." Doth the world debaſe thee? apply, "The Lord will exalt thee, the Father will honour him."

The LXXXIII. Legacy.

When thou art in want for ſoul or body.

WHEN thou art in want for ſoul or body, apply, Pſal. xxxiv. 9, 10. "There is no want to them that fear him. The young lions do lack and ſuffer hunger, but they that ſeek the Lord ſhall not want any good thing." Pſal. lxxxiv. 11. "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. Mat. vi. 33. Seek ye firſt the kingdom of God and his righteouſneſs, and all things ſhall be added unto you." Art thou troubled with diſtracting cares for outward things, apply, "Seek the kingdom of heaven and his righteouſneſs, and all other things will be caſt upon you." Feareſt thou that thou wilt be overpreſſed with want? apply, "Thoſe that ſeek the Lord ſhall want no good thing.

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The LXXXIV. Legacy.

In liberal Giving.

IN liberal giving, apply theſe promiſes, Prov. xi. 25. "The liberal ſoul ſhall be made fat, and he that watereth ſhall be watered alſo himſelf."

Prov. xix. 17. "He that hath pity on the poor, lendeth to the Lord: and that which he hath given will he pay him again."

Mat. vi. 4. "Give in ſecret, and thy Father himſelf will reward thee openly. 2 Cor. ix. 6, 10, 11. He which ſoweth bountifully will reap bountifully. He that miniſtereth ſeed to the ſower, doth miniſter bread for your food, and multiply your ſeed ſown, and increaſe the fruits of your righteouſneſs, being enriched in every thing to all bountifulneſs."

Iſa. lviii. 10, 11. "If thou draw out thy ſoul to the hungry, and ſatisfy the afflicted ſoul: then will thy light riſe in obſcurity, and thy darkneſs be as the noon-day."

"And the Lord will guide thee continually, and ſatisfy thy ſoul in drought, and make fat thy bones, and thou ſhalt be like a watered garden, and like a ſpring of waters whoſe waters fail not."

When thou giveſt to the people of God, and intreateſt them kindly, apply, Mat. x.

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The LXXXV. LEGACY.

If ſickneſs be among us.

IF ſickneſs be amongſt us, apply, Exod. xxiii. 52. "I will take ſickneſs away from the midſt of thee."

Pſal. xliii. 3. "The Lord will ſtrengthen him upon the bed of languiſhing; thou wilt make all his bed in his ſickneſs."

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Art thou ſick; apply, "The Lord will

ſtrengthen him upon the bed of ſorrow: Thou wilt make all his bed in his ſickneſs."

Art thou there where the ſick are? apply, "I will take away all ſickneſs from the midſt of thee."

Feareſt thou the peſtilence? apply, "I will deliver thee from the noiſome peſtilence."

The LXXXVI. Legacy.

If thou feareſt Death.

IF thou feareſt death, apply, Iſa. lvii. 2. 'He ſhall enter into peace, they ſhall reſt in their beds,' None fears to go to bed, when they know they ſhall reſt being weary. This reſting is more ſure and laſting for ever. Rom. viii. 11. 'He that raiſed up Chriſt from the dead, ſhall quicken your mortal bodies.' Therefore we muſt not think of it but as a better life given by the ſpirit of God.

The LXXXVII. Legacy.

If thou feareſt untimely Death.

IF thou feareſt untimely death, apply, Job v. 26. 'Thou ſhalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a ſhock of corn cometh in, in his ſeaſon.' Exod. xxiii. 26. The number of thy days will I fulfil. Pſal. xci. 16. 'With long life will I ſatisfy him, and ſhew him my ſalvation.' Pſal. xli. 2.

'The Lord will preſerve him and keep him alive, and he ſhall be bleſſed upon the earth.'

Haſt thou many enemies, and feareſt the loſs of thy life by them? apply, 'The number of thy days will I fulfil: The Lord will preſerve him and keep him alive, therefore man cannot ſhorten one day.'

Feareſt thou that thou ſhalt either live too long, or die too ſoon? apply, 'Thou ſhalt go to thy grave in a full age; as a rick of corn cometh in due ſeaſon into the barn.'

The LXXXVIII. Legacy.

If thou feareſt hurt by any of the creatures.

IF thou feareſt hurt by any of the creatures, apply; Gen. ix. 2. 'The fear of you and the dread of you ſhall be upon every beaſt of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, upon all the fiſhes of the ſea, into your hand are they delivered.' Job v. 23. 'Thou ſhalt be in league with the ſtones of the field; and the beaſts of the field ſhall be at peace with thee.'

The LXXXIX. Legacy.

When thou haſt a troubled heart.

WHEN thine heart is troubled, either for ſoul or body, apply, Phil. iv. 7. 'The peace of God, which paſſeth all underſtanding, ſhall keep your hearts and minds.'

Pſal. xxix. 11. The Lord will bleſs his people with peace.'

Is thine heart troubled with many temptations of Satan, or with fears of ſin and miſery? apply, 'The peace of God ſhall preſerve your hearts.' Haſt thou many troubles outwardly? apply, "The Lord ſhall bleſs his people with peace.'

The XC. Legacy.

If thou wouldſt have thy purpoſe to proſper.

IF thou wouldſt have thy purpoſes to proſper, apply, Job. xxii 28. 'Thou ſhalt alſo decree a thing, and it ſhall be eſtabliſhed unto thee: and the light ſhall ſhine upon thy ways.'

Pſal. i. 3. 'Whatſoever he doth ſhall proſper.' Pſal. xxxvii. 5. 'Commit thy way unto the Lord: truſt alſo in him and he ſhall bring it to paſs.'

When thou often purpoſeſt to do good both for thy ſoul and body, and yet findeſt thy purpoſes broken, apply, 'Thou ſhalt decree a thing, and the Lord ſhall ſtabliſh it unto thee. He ſhall bring it to paſs.' When thou art in doing of any thing, apply, 'Whatſoever he doth ſhall proſper.'

The XCI. Legacy.

When thou art called to a great Work.

WHEN thou art called to a great work, wherein thou ſhalt have great

oppoſition, apply, Deut. xxxi. 8. The Lord he it is that doth go before thee ‘ he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forſake thee: fear not, neither be diſmayed. 2 Chron. xvi. 9. The Lord will ſhew himſelf ſtrong in the behalf of them whoſe heart is perfect towards him. Pſal. xci. 11, 12, 13. He ſhall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways: They ſhall bear thee up in their hands, leſt thou daſh thy foot againſt a ſtone. Thou ſhalt tread upon the lion and the adder, the young lion and dragon ſhalt thou trample under foot.

It matters not what be the lets oppoſe us, when the Lord goes before us, he will eaſily beat them down: nor what ſtrength reſiſts ſuch, as he hath promiſed to ſhew his ſtrength for: nor how many be our dangers, when his angels have charge over us to keep us. Therefore go on in the work and fear not the iſſue, being ſtrengthned by the promiſes of him, that never faileth his.

The XCII. Legacy.

In times of danger.

IN the time of danger, apply, 1 Sam. ii. 9. “ The Lord will keep the feet of his ſaints. Prov. i. 33. Whoſo hearkeneth unto me ſhall dwell ſafely, and ſhall be quiet from fear of evil, Job xi. 18. 19. Thou ſhalt be ſecure, becauſe there is hope, yea,

thou ſhalt dig about thee, and thou ſhalt take reſt in ſafety, alſo thou ſhalt lie down, and none ſhall make thee afraid, Pſal. cxxv. i. 2. They which truſt in the Lord, ſhall be as Mount Zion which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountains are round about Jeruſalem, ſo the Lord is round about his people from henceforth, even for ever.

Pſal. cxxi. 3, 4, 5. 'He will not ſuffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not ſlumber. Behold, he that keepeth Iſrael will neither ſlumber nor ſleep. The Lord is thy keeper, the Lord is thy ſhade on thy right hand. Seeing the Lord is our keeper, we need not fear the danger.

The XCIII. Legacy.

When thou art in great trouble, &c.

WHEN thou art in great trouble, apply, Iſa. xliii. 2. 'When thou paſſeſt through the waters I will be with thee, and through the rivers, they ſhall not overflow thee: when thou walkeſt through the fire, thou ſhalt not be burnt, neither ſhall the flame kindle upon thee. v. 20. I will give waters in the wilderneſs, and rivers in the deſert, to give drink to my people, my choſen. Pſal. xxxii. 6, 7. Surely in the floods of great waters they ſhall not come nigh unto him. Thou art my hiding place, thou ſhalt preſerve me from trouble, thou ſhalt compaſs me about with ſongs of deliverance.

When thou ſeeſt thyſelf compaſſed with many troubles, and beginneſt to fear, apply, 'I will be with thee, they ſhall not overflow thee.' In the fire of affliction, thou ſhalt not only not be burnt, but the flame ſhall not kindle upon thee, the greateſt trouble ſhall do thee the leaſt harm, for God being with thee will bring thee out, as he did Iſrael through the ſea, and the three children out of the fire, with not ſo much as the ſavour of fire, about them: ſo ſhall not ſo much as the ſavour of evil be upon his, but he will compaſs them about with ſongs of deliverance.

The XCIV. Legacy.

When thou ſeemeſt to be forgotten in Affliction.

WHEN thou ſeemeſt to be forgotten in affliction, apply, Pſal. ix. 18. The Lord alſo will be a refuge for the oppreſſed, a refuge in times of trouble. For the needy ſhall not always be forgotten, the expectation of the poor ſhall not periſh for ever.

Iſa. xlviii. 50. 'Can a woman forget her ſucking child, that ſhe ſhould not have compaſſion on the ſon of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will not I forget thee, Pſal. ciii. 9. He will not always chide, neither will he keep his anger for ever. Lam. iii. 31, 32. The Lord will not caſt off for ever. But though he cauſe grief, yet will he have compaſſion, according to the multitude of his mercies.'

The XCV. Legacy.

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When thou art in many troubles, and feareſt thou ſhalt never get out of all, apply, "The Lord will deliver thee out of all. If the Lord hath delivered thee once or twice and thou feareſt he will not continue ſo ſtill, as often as thou falleſt into troubles, apply, "he ſhall deliver thee in ſix troubles, and the ſeventh it ſhall not touch thee."

The XCIX. Legacy.

If thine enemies prevail.

WHEN thine enemies prevail, apply, Pſal. cxxv. 3. "The rod of the wicked ſhall not reſt upon the lot of the righteous: leſt the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity, Pſal. xviii. 3. I will call upon the Lord, ſo ſhall I be ſaved from mine enemies, 1 Sam. ii. 10. "The adverſaries of the Lord ſhall be broken to pieces, the eyes of the wicked ſhall fail, their refuge ſhall periſh, their hope ſhall be ſorrow of mind, Job xi. 20. Deut. xxviii. 7. 'The Lord ſhall cauſe thine enemies that riſe up againſt thee, to be ſmitten before thy face.

Seeſt thou many to riſe up to trouble thee? apply, "Thine enemies that riſe againſt thee, ſhall fall before thy face." Hope they to pre-

vail againſt thee? apply, "Their hope ſhall be ſorrow of mind:" Have they great means to cauſe them to proſper, apply, "Their refuge ſhall periſh." Have they long oppreſſed thee? apply, "The rod of the wicked ſhall not always reſt on the lot of the righteous," Seeſt thou no means to get from them? ſay with the prophet David, "I will call upon the Lord, ſo ſhall I be ſafe from mine enemies."

The C. Legacy.

That thou mayeſt be delivered, and thine enemies afflicted.

THAT thou mayeſt be delivered, and thine enemies afflicted in thy ſtead, apply, Deut. xxx. 7. 'The Lord thy God will put all theſe curſes upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which perſecute thee, Prov. xxi. 18. The wicked ſhall be a ranſom for the righteous, and the tranſgreſſor for the upright.'

The CI. Legacy.

If thou wouldſt have thine enemies deſtroyed.

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Iſa. xli. 11, 13, 15. "Behold all they

which were incenſed againſt thee ſhall be aſhamed and confounded, they ſhall be as nothing, and they that ſtrive with thee ſhall periſh: for I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, ſaying unto thee, fear not, I will help thee. Thou ſhalt threſh the mountains and beat them ſmall, and ſhalt make the hills as chaff," by which mountains and hills is meant the greateſt enemies, 2 Sam. ii. 30. "They that deſpiſe me ſhall be lightly eſteemed." Theſe promiſes are to be applied by us, as they are the enemies of God and his goſpel, and ours for his ſake.

The CII. Legacy.

If the wicked plot againſt thee.

IF the wicked plot againſt thee, apply, Pſal. xxxvii. 12. "The wicked plot againſt the juſt, their ſword ſhall enter into their own heart, their bow ſhall be broken. The Lord ſhall laugh at him, Iſa. liv. 15. the enemies ſhall ſurely gather themſelves together againſt thee, but not by me: whoſoever ſhall gather themſelves together againſt thee ſhall fall."

The CIII. Legacy.

In the troubles of the church.

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Jeruſalem all the days of thy life, Jer. xxxi. 12. "Thou ſhalt come and ſing in the height of Zion:" when thou haſt applied the promiſes and uſed all the means, and yet findeſt not thyſelf filled with God, as thou deſireſt, then comfort thyſelf with this, "Yet a little while, and when thou awakeſt, thou ſhalt be ſatisfied with his image, Pſal. xvii. 15.

The CIV. LEGACY.

For the fall of Antichriſt.

BECAUSE the time draweth near of the fall of Antichriſt, we muſt ſtir up ourſelves to haſten the Lord by earneſt prayers, and for the ſtrengthening of our faith, apply theſe promiſes, Rev xvii. 16. And the ten horns which thou ſaweſt upon the beaſt, theſe ſhall hate the whore, and ſhall make her deſolate and naked, and eat her fleſh and ſhall burn her with fire." Rev. xviii. 8. 21. "Therefore ſhall her plagues come in one day, death and mourning, and famine, and ſhe ſhall be utterly burnt with fire, for ſtrong is the Lord God who judgeth her. And a mighty angel took up a ſtone, like a great milſtone, and caſt it into the ſea, ſaying, "Thus with violence ſhall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and ſhall be found no more at all." Even ſo come Lord Jeſus, and haſten this happy day.

The CV. Legacy.

For the calling of the Jews.

SEEING the Lord hath promiſed many glorious things to the Jews with much grace and peace, both to the Jews and Gentiles at their converſion; when the ten tribes ſhall be re-united to the two, which never yet was, let us never give him reſt till he ſet up Jeruſalem the praiſe of the world, and for the ſtrengthning of us in prayer, apply, theſe promiſes, Ezek. xxxviii. 21, 22, "Thus ſaith the Lord God, behold, I will take the children of Iſrael from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every ſide, and bring them into their own Land: and I will make them one nation, in the land upon the mountains of Iſrael: and one king ſhall be king to them all, and they ſhall be no more two nations; neither ſhall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all." Jer. iii. 18. "In thoſe days the houſe of Judah ſhall walk with the houſe of Iſrael, and they ſhall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers." Iſa. lx. 2, 3, 4, 5, 15, 16. 'The Lord ſhall ariſe upon thee, and his glory ſhall be ſeen upon thee. And the Gentiles ſhall come to the light, and kings to the brightneſs of the riſing, thy ſons ſhall come from far, and

thy daughters ſhall be nurſed at thy ſide: then thou ſhalt ſee and flow together, and thine heart ſhall fear and be enlarged, becauſe the ſea ſhall be converted unto thee: The forces of the Gentiles ſhall come unto thee. Whereas thou haſt been forſaken and hated ſo that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations: Thou ſhalt alſo ſuck the milk of the Gentiles, and ſhalt ſuck the breaſts of kings.' Iſa. lxii. 2, 3, 49. "The Gentiles ſhall ſee thy righteouſneſs, and all kings thy glory, and thou ſhalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord ſhall name, thou ſhalt alſo be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Iſa. lxi. 4, 5, 6. They ſhall build the old waſtes, they ſhall raiſe up the former deſolations, they ſhall repair the waſte cities, the deſolations of many generations: and ſtrangers ſhall ſtand and feed your flocks, and the ſons of the alien ſhall be your plough-men, and your vine-dreſſers, but ye ſhall be named the prieſts of the Lord: men ſhall call you the miniſters of our God; ye ſhall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory ſhall you boaſt yourſelves.' Iſa. xlviii. 22. "Thus ſaith the Lord, behold I will lift up my hand to the Gentiles, and will ſet up my ſtandard to the people, and they ſhall bring thy ſons in their arms, and thy daughters ſhall be carried upon their ſhoulders,

and Kings ſhall be thy nurſing fathers, and their Queens thy nurſing mothers, they ſhall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the duſt of thy feet.'

A Poſtſcript ſent from the Author.

THESE promiſes I have obſerved; many more there are of moſt excellent uſe, but becauſe they need opening for the underſtanding of them, I would not ſet them down, leſt through the ſhallowneſs of my underſtanding I ſhould wrong the precious promiſes; but I picked out the moſt plain, and thoſe that I found of continual uſe for ſoul and body, which I have found much good by; for the promiſes are our legacies bequeathed to us in the will of our Father, and we are to claim them, as we ſtand in need of any of them; and ſurely that God who would not have children wronged in that which is bequeathed to them in the will of their fathers, much leſs will he withhold that which his Son hath bequeathed to us in his laſt will, which he ſealed with his blood. Therefore let us ſue for them, for he ſaith he will be ſought to perform them to us. And when thou applieſt any promiſe, ſeek unto the condition, and labour to keep it, and doubt not of the performance of what is promiſed, for he is both able and faithful that hath promiſed.

AN

EPITOME

OF THE

PROMISES

FOR THE

Saints' Support in Time of Trouble.

PROMISES.

I.

That God hath freely loved his Elect in Chriſt Jeſus.

I WILL be gracious to whom I will be gracious: and I will ſhew mercy, on whom I will ſhew mercy, Exod. xxxiii. 19.

I, even I am he that blotteth out thy tranſgreſſion for mine own ſake, Iſa. xlv. 25.

I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy tranſgreſſions, Iſa. xliv. 22.

I will heal their backſlidings: I will love them freely, Hoſ. xiv. 4.

II.

That God hath given Chriſt to death for his elect.

I will put enmity between thee and the woman: it ſhall bruiſe thy head, and thou ſhalt bruiſe his heel, Gen. iii. 15.

But he was wounded for our tranſgreſſion, Iſa. liii. 5.

When he ſhall make his ſoul an offering for ſin, verſe 10.

He was numbered with the tranſgreſſors and bare the ſins of many, verſe 12.

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people, to finiſh the tranſgreſſions and to make an end of ſin, Dan. ix. 24.

III.

That we are freely juſtified by Jeſus Chriſt.

So by the obedience of one, many ſhall be made righteous, Rom. v. 19.

And are juſtified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Chriſt Jeſus, Rom. iii. 24.

By his knowledge ſhall my righteous ſervant juſtify many, Iſa. liii. 11.

IV.

That God hath made a covenant with his children to be their God

I will eſtabliſh my covenant between me and thee, and thy ſeed after thee in their generations for an everlaſting covenant; to be a God unto thee and to thy ſeed after thee, Gen. xvii. 7.

I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye ſhall be my people Lev. xxvi. 26.

With great and eternal mercies will I gather thee, Iſa. liv. 7.

I will be their God and they ſhall be my people, Jer. xxxi. 33.

I will ſay to them, thou art my people: and they ſhall ſay thou art my God, Hoſ. ii. 23.

V.

That God will call his children to the knowledge of his truth.

The meek will he teach his ways. Pſal. xxv. 9.

I will inſtruct thee, and teach thee in all the way that thou ſhalt go, Pſal. xxxii. 8.

All thy children ſhall be taught of the Lord, Iſa. liv. 13.

For they ſhall all know me from the leaſt of them to the greateſt, ſaith the Lord, Jer. xxxi. 34.

I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, and leadeth thee by the way that thou ſhouldeſt go, Iſa. xlviii. 17.

VI.

That God will give his ſpirit unto his children.

I will pour out my ſpirit upon you Prov. i. 23.

I will pour water upon him that is thirſty Iſa. xliv. 3.

I will put my ſpirit within you, Ezek. xxxvi. 27.

I will pour my ſpirit on all fleſh, Joel ii. 28.

I will pour upon the houſe of David the ſpirit, Zach. xii. 10.

I will pray unto the father, and he ſhall give you even the ſpirit of truth, John. xiv. 16, 17.

VII.

That God will cauſe his children to truſt in him by faith.

Many ſhall ſee it and fear, and ſhall truſt in the Lord, Pſal. xl. 3.

Under his wings ſhalt thou truſt, Pſal. xci. 4.

On my arms ſhall they truſt, Iſa. li. 1.

The juſt ſhall live by his faith, Hab. ii. 4.

They ſhall truſt in the name of the Lord, Zeph. iii. 12.

In his name ſhall the Gentiles truſt, Mat. xii. 21.

VIII.

That God will give his children an humble and broken heart.

I will take the ſtony heart out of their fleſh, and I will give them an heart of fleſh, Ezek. xi. 19.

I will pour on them the Spirit of ſupplication, and they ſhall mourn for him as one mourneth for his only ſon, Zach. xii. 10.

Every mountain and hill ſhall be brought low, Luke iii. 5.

The Lord thy God will circumciſe thy heart, Deut. xxx. 6.

IX.

That God's Children ſhall have power to mortify and overcome Sin.

For ſin ſhall not have dominion over you, for ye are not under the law, but under grace, Rom. vi. 12.

I will ſprinkle clean water upon you and ye ſhall be cleanſed from all your filthineſs, Ezek. xxxvi. 25.

He will ſubdue our iniquities, Mic. vii. 19.

Every branch that beareth fruit he purgeth it. x.

X.

That the Children of God ſhall live a holy and ſanctified life.

He ſhall be like a tree that bringeth forth fruit in his ſeaſon, Pſal. i. 3.

I will put my law into their inward parts, Jer. xxxi. 33.

The ſcent thereof ſhall be as the wine of Lebanon, Hoſ. xiv. 7.

For their ſakes ſanctify I myſelf, that they may be ſanctified through the truth, John xvii. 19.

In holineſs and righteouſneſs all the days of our lives, Luke i. 75.

The Lord of peace ſanctify you throughout, 1 Theſſ. v. 23.

Faithful is he that hath promiſed you, verſe 24.

XI.

They that love God.

I will circumciſe thy heart, and the heart of thy ſeed, to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy ſoul, that thou mayeſt live, Deut. xxx. 6.

XII.

That God will give his Children hearts to delight in all his holy ordinances.

With gladneſs and rejoicing ſhall they be brought: They ſhall enter into the King's Palace, Pſal. xlv. 15.

Therefore with joy ſhall they draw water out of the wells of ſalvation, Iſa. xii. 3.

And in this mountain ſhall the Lord of hoſts make unto all people a feaſt of fat things, verſe xxv. 26.

Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my houſe of prayer, lvi. 7.

Ye ſhall be borne upon her ſides, and be dandled upon her knees, lxvi. 12.

So will I comfort you, and ye ſhall be comforted, verſe 13.

And when you ſee this, your hearts ſhall be comforted, verſe 14.

The faſt of the tenth month ſhall be unto the houſe of Judah joy and gladneſs, and cheerful feaſts, Zach. viii. 19.

XIII.

That God will give his Children hearts to fear and ſerve him.

They ſhall ſanctify my name, and ſanctify the holineſs of Jacob, and ſhall fear the God of Iſrael, Iſa. xxix. 23.

They ſhall ſerve the Lord their God and David their king, Jer. xxx. 9.

That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies, might ſerve him without fear, Luke i. 74.

XIV.

That God will give his children hearts to ſeek him by prayer.

He ſhall call upon me, and I will hear him, Pſal. xci. 15.

Then ſhall ye call upon me, and ye ſhall pray unto me, and I will hear you, Jer. xxvi. 12.

And ye ſhall ſeek me and find me: Search for me with all your hearts, ver. xiii.

I will pour upon the houſe of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jeruſalem the ſpirit of grace and of ſupplication, Zach. xii. 10.

XV.

That God will hear the prayers of his children.

Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee, Pſal. l 15.

He ſhall call upon me, and I will anſwer him, xci. 15.

He will hear their cry and will ſave them, cxlv. 19.

Then ſhalt thou call, and the Lord ſhall anſwer, Iſa. lviii. 9.

Before they call, I will anſwer, and while they are ſpeaking I will hear, lxv. 24.

He ſhall ſeek me and ſhall find me, when you ſhall ſeek I will be found of you, Jer. xxix. 13, 14.

Ye ſhall aſk what ye will, and it ſhall be done unto you, John xv. 7.

Aſk and it ſhall be given you: Seek and ye ſhall find, Matth. vii. 7.

Whatſoever ye ſhall aſk in prayer, believing ye ſhall receive, Mat. xxi. 22.

XVI.

That we may perſevere in Grace.

They ſhall bring forth fruit in their old age, Pſal. xxi. 14.

His leaf ſhall not wither, i. 2.

The Lord ſhall guide thee continually, and ſatisfy thy ſoul in drought, and make fat thy bones; and thou ſhalt be like a watered garden and like a ſpring whoſe waters fail not, Iſa. lviii. 11.

XVII.

That God will give unto his children the good things of this life.

But the meek ſhall inherit the earth: And ſhall delight themſelves in the abundance of peace, Pſal. xxxvii. 11.

There is no want to them that ſeek him, Pſal. xxxiv. 11.

They that ſeek the Lord ſhall not want any good thing, ver. 10.

No good thing ſhall be with-held from them that walk uprightly, Pſal. lxxxiv. 11.

XVIII.

That God will guide his children by his ſpecial providence in all their ways.

I will not leave thee nor forſake thee, Heb. xiii. 15.

Then ſhalt thou walk in thy way ſafely, and thy foot ſhall not ſtumble, Prov. iii. 23. For the Lord ſhall be thy confidence, verſe 26.

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The Lord ſhall preſerve thy going out and thy coming in, cxxi. 8.

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That God will bleſs thoſe which are diligent in their calling.

The Lord will command the bleſſing upon thee in all thou ſetteſt thy hand unto, Deut. xxviii. 8.

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He that tilleth his land, ſhall be ſatisfied with bread, xii. 11.

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That God will bleſs thoſe that keep his Sabbaths.

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That God will reward thoſe that are fruitful in good works.

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The liberal ſoul ſhall be made fat: and he that watereth, ſhall be watered alſo himſelf, Prov. xi. 25.

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So ſhall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy preſſes ſhall burſt with new wine, verſe 10.

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Then they that feared the Lord, ſpake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him, for them that feared the Lord and thought upon his name, Mal. iii. 16.

And they ſhall be mine, ſaith the Lord God of hoſts, in that day when I make up my jewels, and I will ſpare them, as a man ſpareth his own ſon that ſerveth him, verſe 17.

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That God will keep afflictions from his children as it may be for their good.

The Lord ſhall preſerve thee from all evil, Pſal. cxxi. 7.

The Lord ſhall preſerve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

He ſhall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings ſhalt thou truſt, his truth ſhall be thy ſhield and buckler. Pſal. xci. 4.

There ſhall no evil befal thee, neither ſhall any plague come near thy dwelling, verſe 10.

As the mountains are about Jeruſalem, ſo is the Lord about his people for ever. Pſal. cxv. 2.

XXIV.

That otherwiſe God will be with, preſerve, and keep his children in Afflictions, that they hurt them not.

In all their afflictions, he was afflicted, and the angel of his preſence ſaved them: in his love, and in his pity, he redeemed them, and he bare them and carried them all the days of old, Iſa. lxiii. 9.

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Fear not thou, Worm Jacob, I will help thee, ſaith the Lord God, and thy Redeemer the holy one of Iſrael, 14.

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XXV.

That God will deliver his children out of Afflictions in his due time.

He will deliver thee from the ſnare of the fowler, and from the noiſome peſtilence. I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honour him, Pſal. iii. 15.

Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord delivers them out of them all. Pſal. xxxiv. 19.

Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee, Pſal. l. 15.

I will reſtore health unto thee, I will heal thee of thy wounds, ſaith the Lord, Jer. xxx. 17.

I will deliver thee in that day, and thou ſhalt not fall by the ſword, Jer. xxxix. 18. John iii. 19.

XXVI.

That God will ſanctify all Afflictions for the good of his people.

I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy droſs, and take away all thy ſin, Iſa. i. 25.

By this therefore ſhall the iniquity of Jacob be purged, and this is all the fruit, to take away his ſin, Iſa. xxvii. 9.

And ſome of them of underſtanding ſhall fall, to try them, and to purge and make them white, Dan. xi. 35.

Many ſhall be purified, and made white, and tried, Dan. xii. 10.

And I will bring the third part through the fire, and I will refine them as ſilver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried, they ſhall call on my name, and I will hear them, Zech. xiii. 9.

XXVII.

That God in his own time will ſubdue all the enemies of his church.

I will ſubdue all thy enemies, 2 Chron. xvii.

I will puniſh the fruit of the ſtout heart of the king of Aſſyria, and the glory of his high looks, Iſa. x. 12.

Therefore I will put my hook in their noſe, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way which thou cameſt, Iſa. xxxvii. 29.

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And then ſhall that Wicked be revealed whom the Lord ſhall conſume with the ſpirit of his mouth, and ſhall deſtroy with the brightneſs of his coming, 2 Theſſ. ii. 8.

And the ten horns. theſe ſhall hate the whore, and ſhall make her deſolate and naked, and ſhall eat her fleſh and burn her with fire, Rev. xvii. 16.

I will ſmite thy bow out of thy left hand, and I will cauſe thy arrows to fall out of thy right hand, Ezek. xxxix. 3.

XXVIII.

That the children of God ſhall die happily.

They ſhall come to the grave in a full age, like as a ſhock of corn cometh in his ſeaſon. Job v. 26.

He ſhall go in peace, they ſhall reſt in their beds, each one walking in his uprightneſs, Iſa. lvii. 1.

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I will ranſom them from the power of the Grave. I will redeem them from Death. O Death, I will be thy plague; O Grave, I will be thy deſtruction, Hoſ. xiii. 14.

And many of them that ſleep in the duſt of the earth ſhall awake to everlaſting life, and ſome to ſhame, Dan. xii. 2.

All that are in the graves ſhall come forth, they that have done good, unto the reſurrection of life, John v. 29.

I will raiſe him up at the laſt day, vi. 40.

He that raiſed up the Lord Jeſus, ſhall raiſe us up alſo by Jeſus, 2 Cor. iv. 14.

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That God will reward the labours of the righteous in the life to come.

Rejoice and be glad, for great is your reward in heaven, Mat. v. 12.

Whoſoever ſhall forſake houſes or brethren, or ſiſters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for my name's ſake, he ſhall receive a hundred fold more, and ſhall inherit everlaſting life, xix. 29.

Come ye bleſſed of my Father, inherit ye the kingdom prepared for you before the foundation of the world, Mat. xxv. 34.

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XXXI.

That God will make good, and perform all that he hath promiſed.

And I will perform the oath which I ſware unto Abraham thy Father, Gen. xxvi. 3.

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Bleſſed be the Lord that hath given reſt unto his people, there hath not failed one word of all his good promiſes which he promiſed, 1 Kings viii. 5, 6.

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that hath gone out of my lips, Pſal. lxxxix. 34.

Thus ſaith the Lord, if you can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, that there ſhould not be day and night in their ſeaſon, Jer. xxxiii. 20.

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For all the promiſes of God in him are Yea, and in him, Amen, 2 Cor. i. 20.

1. Give me underſtanding and I ſhall keep thy word, yea I will obſerve it with my whole heart, Pſal. cxix. 34.

Deal with thy ſervant according to thy mercies, and teach me thy ſtatutes, Pſal. cxix. 24.

2. How ſweet are thy words unto my

taſte, yea ſweeter than honey to my mouth, Pſal. cxix. 103.

What ſhall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me? Pſal. cxvi. 12.

8. Conſider how I love thy precepts, quicken me, O Lord, according to thy loving kindneſs, Pſal. cxix. 159.

With my whole heart have I ſought thee, O let me not wander from thy commandments, Pſal. cxix. 10.

3. For ever, O Lord, thy word is ſettled in heaven, thy faithfulneſs is unto all generations, Pſal. cxi. 9.

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Make me to underſtand the way of thy precepts, ſo ſhall I talk of thy wondrous works, Pſal. xi. 27.

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When my ſpirit was overwhelmed within me, thou kneweſt my paths, Pſal. cxxiv. 3.

8. My ſoul is continually in my hand, yet do I not forget thy law, Pſal. cxix. 109.

Stabliſh thy word unto thy ſervant, who is devoted to thy fear, Pſal. cxix. 38.

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TO ALL

TRUE BELIEVERS.

Gracious Believers,

KNOWING you to be the only heirs of thoſe rich and precious promiſes, which it hath pleaſed our gracious Father freely to give unto his beloved children: I have preſumed, without your knowledge, to bequeath unto you a fatherleſs child, brought forth into the world without the parent's knowledge, hoping you will not be unwilling to let it paſs under your favourable protection. For the ſubject matter of it, it is very beautiful, and of ſuch uſe, as no child of God can paſs to heaven without it, and in that regard, it ſhall be no ſhame unto you whom the Lord hath honoured with the grace of believing, to accept of this ſmall treatiſe from one that deſires your proſpering in your ſouls and bodies. There is no blemiſh in this that I dedicate unto you, but ſuch as came by the hands of the unſkilful bringer forth of it, which only

minded their own good in it. And weighing daily the beauty of it, and the ſweet refreſhing ſtrength which flowed from it, for the overcoming of thoſe three deadly enemies, the devil, ſin, and the world, they deſired that God would be pleaſed to move the minds of ſome of his moſt ſkilful workmen, to put to their hands to frame a more perfect work upon ſo perfect a ſubject, and to give a more comely form to this ſo beautiful a ſubject, and till then they intended to ſmother in their boſoms the beauty of this, rather than to bring it forth with the blemiſhes of their unſkilfulneſs. But the good that may be gained by it, being inutterable, I hope grace in the hearts of God's people will cauſe them, like the bee, to ſuck out the ſweet and nouriſhing virtue of thoſe fragrant flowers that grow here and there in the garden of God's word, and not with diſcontent to caſt away this pleaſant poſey, gathered out of the celeſtial Eden of the ſacred ſcriptures, becauſe an unſkilful hand, and indeed unworthy, hath bound them up together, not ſo orderly as might pleaſe the curious eye of man, no nor their own, neither was it their aim ſo to do. If any gain any good by it, the gatherer of theſe ſweet flowers together, neither deſerves nor deſires thanks, for they intended it to none, but to themſelves and ſome private friends, whoſe importunity wrung ſome copies from them, and now

without their conſent have publiſhed it. And now ſince it is publiſhed and cannot be ſtopped, the Lord cauſe it to work in all his, according to that which he hath given the promiſes for to work in the hearts of his people, even to make them partakers of the divine nature, 2 Pet. i. 4. And as a means to make them take every day a little poſey from the reſt, one of the promiſes gathered together, and apply it to thyſelf; ſee how thou ſtandeſt in need of it, and every word in it, and then apply it to thyſelf by faith, and let it ſtir thee up to go to God in prayer for the accompliſhment of them unto thee, then wait in the diligent uſe of all means for the gaining of them, and you ſhall find God not only making you heirs of promiſes, but you ſhall be comfortable poſſeſſors of thoſe many good things which God has promiſed to believers. The more you meditate, and the oftener you pray upon them, the more good will you ſee in them, and find flow from them. I ſay no more, but I doubt not, but your experiences of good by theſe promiſes, will be more than I can make known unto you. I deſire the God of mercies, our loving Father, in our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, in whom all the promiſes are Yea and Amen, to make you daily find experimentally the truth of all his gracious promiſes.

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Thomas Bolton, ſenior, ſhipmaſter
Thomas Bolton, junior, do.
Mr. Nathaniel Norfiect, Dykes
Adam Kelſo, weaver
Adam Wilſon
David Wyllie, clockmaker
William Ambroſe, mariner
Archibald Sillars, ſmith
James Cargin, weaver
William Donald, farmer, Girt Hill
Adam Ramſay,
James Fullerton, coppersmith

IN STEVENSTOWN.

Daniel Wilſon merchant,
James Omay, do.
John Wilſon, maſon
George Jack, carter
Alexander Young, boatman
John Watt, do.
Robert M'Gie, do.
James Hay, coal hewer
Alexander Gordon, do.
John Hunter, do.
Iſaac Park, do.
John Shaw, do.
John Crawford, Miſk
James Robb
Hugh Young, farmer
Thomas Young, do. Greenhead
John Hogart, do. Mayfield
Adam Wilſon, do. Hillhead
James Muir, Portioner, Hayoks
William Mitchel, Dubs
Robert Reid, Bog
John Skioch, Farmer
Walter Matthie, Moorſide
David Stirret, Dalry
John Lockhart, Byrehill

IN IRVINE

William Templeton, Bookſeller, 24 Copies
Samuel Gemmil, merchant,
John Bain, do.
John Watt, clockmaker
John Watt, carrier
John Young, ſtocking-maker

John Greenlus, ſtocking-maker
William Paton do.
James Harriot do.
Thomas Garven, ſhoe-maker
James Thoy do.
Alexander Hamilton, merchant
John Willock, Sailor
William Turner, merchant
Montgomery Boyd, Baker
William Shields, ſhoe-maker
Thomas Young, maltman
Hugh Allan, ſhoe-maker
Robert Jeffery, weaver
David Jeffery, do.
John Gibſon, do.
William Duff, ſtocking-maker
Ninian Galt do.
William Black coal-hewer
David Thomſon ſtocking-maker
John Blair ſhip-wright
Mary Boyd
Hugh M'Ilwrick, weaver
John Miller do.
David Malcom do.
William Miller do.
Andrew M'Gaun do.
John Dickie do.
Henry Little do.
William Jeffers do.
William Lynton do.
Charles Brown do.
John Miller do.
Peter Logan Taylor
Jean Brown
James Hunter, flax-dreſſer
John Breakenridge mole-catcher
Joſeph Miller, cutler
Betty M'Crorie
Alexander Hendry, weaver.
John Currie, Rope-maker
William Currie do.
Robert Vinner do.
Hugh Garven do.
Robert Main, ſailor
William Smith, Tanner
James Boyd, carpenter
James Hunter, Taylor
John Breakenridge, currier
Robert King, ſhoe-maker
Adam Ruſſel do.
George Craig, Labourer
Margaret Fleming
Margaret Henderſon
Janet Reid
John Robertſon, ſhoe-maker
John Whyte, ſail-maker
Thomas Roſs, brewer
Robert Man
James Neil
John Smith, blockmaker
John Templeton, ſailor
William Cowan, tide officer
Edward Gardner, ſailor
Robert M'Kenzie do.
John Muclevin do.
James Milne, at Irvine bar
John Milne at Bourtree-hill
David Bone, Gardner there

IN KILBRIDE

William King, wright
Robert Stobo, Maſon
Alexander Hunter, Farmer
James Galbreath do.
Hugh Gemmil do.
John Fleck do
Robert Spier do.
John Wilſon do.
Robert Barbour do.
Thomas Simpſon do.
James Wilſon do.
William Morris do.
Robert Gemmil, lint miller
Robert Fleck, farmer
James Gray, ſmith
John Mitchell, weaver
Thomas Wilſon, farmer
Robert Steel, merchant
Hugh Hunter, farmer
Robert Simpſon do.
Alexander Ritchie, wright
William Craig do.
Hugh Montgomery, miller
Patrick Morris, Carpenter
Rachel Tyre
Arthur Crawford, farmer
Robert Stirret, ſchoolmaſter
Thomas Boiler, farmer

IN STEWARTON

John Mitchel, weaver
Thomas Mitchel, do.
John Deans do.
James Nairn do.
John Boag do.
David Leitch do.
William Cunningham do.
Thomas Brown, merchant
Mr Linnard Gibbons overſeer
Andrew Barr, merchant
John Calderwood, weaver
Adam Lees do.
Mr. James M'Gown ſurgeon
Mr. Andrew Brown, writer
David Harvie, weaver
John Craig do.
John Blackwood do.
James Dale do.
John Carſwell, ſhoemaker
John Smith, carrier
James Wyllie, weaver
John Brown do.
James Steel do.
William Wallace do.
John Smith, vintner
Hector Armour
John Shield, ſhoe-maker
John Hall, do.
Andrew Wilſon, Bonnet-maker
James King merchant
Matthew Wallace, labourer
Robert Fergushill ſhoemaker
Robert Neilſon, merchant
John Wyllie, bonnet-maker
James Smith, weaver

Margaret Galt
Iſobell Montgomery
Henry Dunlop, weaver
Robert Kerr do.
William Sheddan taylor,
John Wyllie, weaver
James Jamieſon do.
John Kerr, carrier
Allan Brown
James King, labourer
John Caſhie, weaver
Hugh Smith do.
James Dunlop do.
James Crawford do.
William Wallace do.
John Garven do.
Robert Anderſon do.
David Wyllie do.
James Smith do.
Robert Black, weaver
Archibald Picken do.
David Lymburn do,
John Gibſon do.
Jean Paterſon
John Dunlop, Baker
James Skeoch, ſmith
Charles Skeoch, do.
William Currie, bonnet-maker
James Brown, labourer
Robert Skeoch, carter
James Cunningham, do.
James Boyd, ſhoe-maker

PARISH OF STEWARTOUN

John Deans, portioner Peacock-bank
John Wyllie, farmer Kilbride
James Picken, Robertland
Alexander Dunlop, Cutſtrae
James Dunlop do.
John Caſhie do.
James Logan Corshill mill
Matthew Wyllie, Robertland
Robert Fulton, Shaw
John Smith Longſide
Thomas Wilſon, weaver Fenwick pariſh
John Galt, Kilmaurs
Matthew Blair Galſton
William Orr, Annandale
James Laing, Kilmarnock.

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